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### EATERS OF EATERS OF EATERS

Horsemen who enjoy the country usually have a better than average knowledge of animals, understand the term wildlife and perhaps have the rudiments of what is meant by wildlife conservation. But if one of these more enlightened sportsmen should suddenly be posed with a sentence such as "There's a connection between bicycles, skunks and wood chucks," to quote Richard H. Pough who was writing recently of The Wildlife Community, they would shake their heads and say, "the man is bats" or something.

As a matter of fact the sportsmen of the country, those who fox-hunt, shoot birds, or maybe just ride horses because they like to go through the countryside and see the wild things of nature living in their natural habitat in spite of mankind, have a very large job to perform. They are better fitted by inclination, understanding and general intelligence to protect such natural friends of sport as rabbits, foxes, ducks, fish from general extinction, but they must develop a program.

Scientific fellows are doing a lot of work nowadays in trying to eradicate so called pests. Wholesale spraying from aeroplanes with such an item as DDT is designed to eradicate bugs, flies and mice. What about the other things that it may kill such as birds, fish and all of the eaters of eaters of eaters, harmless in themselves, but which are vital in the chain that goes to make up the United Nations of Plants and Animals that have been existing rather satisfactorily in their splendid isolation until civilization upset the status quo?

Life in cities is a complex affair. There are rich pressure bosses who seem to make 90% of the money. Maybe they ought to be eradicated, some of them, with a spray of DDT, but then maybe those fellows think they could do without some of their labor leaders, or some rather plug ugly employees who insist on their confounded rights. What if somebody decided all employers were predators, and presto with a DDT gun, the class was extinguished? What if all those who had but \$40.00 a month or less to live on were eradicated as not being capable of making a proper subsistence?

Life in cities, in other words the system of civilization as it is known, would suddenly collapse. Great industries would totter, the whole man-made world would struggle to readjust itself but it would be a crushing blow. Nature is a hundred times more complex than even man's system but if man decides to continue to alter by mass killings what it decides in its infinite wisdom is superfluous, that great kingdom of living things may well rise in its wrath and consume man itself, for the eaters of eaters of eaters all have a system and if man tampers too much, they will be faced with a scourge which will make all famines of previous history "sissy" stuff.

A boy wanted to buy a bicycle so he killed off all the skunks on his father's farm, sold the pelts to buy the bicycle. His father's duck pond suddenly was vacated by ducks the following year. Why? Because those smelly, old skunks have a fondness for turtle eggs and

without the skunk, the turtles thrive, ate the duck eggs and "Pop" had no shooting. This is duplicated a hundred fold in every form of human endeavor as so-called predators are clumsily attacked by man. The fox is but another example of the chain that helps keep the status quo and maintains nature's balance wheels. It is up to sportsmen to instill in others some semblance of common sense about the balance.

## Letters To The Editor

### Mistaken Identity

Dear Sir:

I'll bet Sydney Smith 'way up there in Canaan, N. Y., completely turned over in his big easy chair when he read in the issue of Friday, Jan. 10 that in Chronicle Quiz, no 3; Who wrote "Reminiscences of an Irish R. M."? was Somerville and Ross. They wrote, "Some Experiences of an Irish R. M." (1899) and "Further Experiences of an Irish R. M." (1908) and many another interesting tale.

Bert Dolan

1609 N. Prospect Ave.  
Milwaukee 2, Wisconsin

(Editor's Note: We stand corrected).

### A. H. S. A. Luncheon

Dear Editor:

Glad to have seen you at recent A. H. S. A. luncheon.

Your write-up of the A. H. S. A. was excellent and fairly and correctly presented, especially in your first paragraph.

I have no row with the A. H. S. A.—in fact have been one of its steadiest supporters through years—urging shows to join it as sporting thing and need for standard system of operations.

However, you have portrayed the true feeling of the great majority of horsemen.

Another thought would be that the annual A. H. S. A. meeting be

held at 5 p. m., and annual high score dinner-dance be staged at 8 p. m.—give the ladies a chance to attend and dress, etc. It could easily have 1,000 attendance—be high class—find itself as top social event of NYC winter season and do sport lots of good.

Sincerely,

Witness.

### Representative Set-Up

Gentlemen:

Why not have a joint-committee of one representative from the Masters of Foxhounds, one from the Hunt Race Meeting Assn. and one from the National Steeplechase and Hunt Assn. make a trip throughout the Middle West and South, visiting the various hunts. Have a luncheon arranged by the master of the respective hunts so the visitors may meet members of the hunt and can determine the status of hunting and discuss possibilities of hunt race meetings.

This would give great encouragement. Suggestions could be made on races, conditions and courses for hunt meetings and certain thoughts could be discussed regarding hunting.

After all, hunts are important to the furthering of the entire scheme of things. The East is fortunate in being older and having much more mature encouragement through the enthusiasm which numbers provide.

Sincerely,

Carter Brown

Tryon, N. C.



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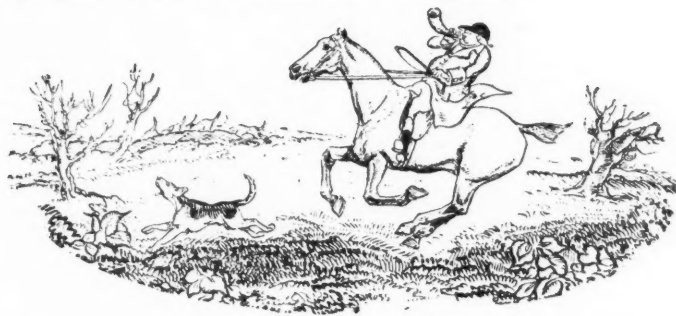
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## Afield With Vicmead Hounds



### American, Cross-Bred Pack Furnish Spirited Runs Over Delaware Countryside; Abundant Foxes And Good Temperatures Prevail

On Saturday, January 11, the Vicmead Hounds met at Mr. Felix duPont, Jr.'s on the Limestone Road at 1:00 o'clock. This is the country which the Vicmead has been hunting for the past fifteen years. It has provided good sport all season, the first full-scale one since the return of the Master, J. S. Dean, from military service and has not as yet been succeeded as the hunt's primary country by the vast new area below the Delaware-Chesapeake Canal, which was opened before the war.

Hounds were put into covert in the marshy woodland below the stable and within a few minutes were running from the northeast end of the covert towards the Limestone Road. Stopped at the hard road by traffic, the fox turned back into covert, but was quickly pushed out its west side and on at a fast pace over the gradually rising country across the road leading to Pike Creek to the pines below Mr. Eugene duPont's stables.

Here hounds checked, but after a cast on the north side of covert, the fox was hunted back to Mr. Felix duPont's farm, on to the Capitol Trail, where scent deteriorated, after a fast forty minutes, and hounds were finally called off because of the proximity of the unpanelled country and railroad tracks beyond the Capitol Trail.

Hounds were then taken across the Limestone Road, where a fox was found in the first covert on the southeast corner of the Ross farm, and provided an excellent hunt over this beautifully fenced country, until marked to ground in Stoney Batter after thirty-five minutes.

On January 18, hounds met at Mr. Ross' stable at 1:00 o'clock (they had had an excellent day at the kennels on Tuesday and an all but blank one at Hillandale on Thursday). The first covert north of the stable was drawn blank, but the second held a fox which ran northeast to Mr. E. P. Mellon's farm and then south along the fields bordering Mill Creek Road back to Stoney Batter. Here the fox turned north across some of the best of the Ross farm until scent ran out on a big wheat field and the fox marked to ground on the far side after a steady 30 minutes. After drawing without success the lower Ross coverts on the Limestone Road side, hounds were taken up to the same small wood opposite the lane to the Eugene duPont stable where they had found the preceding Saturday. It was getting late, but hearts beat fast in anticipation, when a fox ran out past Huntsman Tom Smith, who had put hounds in the north end of the narrow covert, and had then moved down to the south end. Hounds were on immediately, a hundred yards behind the fast moving fox, who ran southeast parallel to the Limestone Road. The field settled down to what had all the

earmarks of an outstanding run, but in ten minutes it was over, as hounds checked and a minute or two later gone-to-ground was sounded by the huntsman.

With foxes in abundance and the usual mid-winter cold holding off, the Vicmead looks forward to more and better hunting than it has had since before the war.—Volpe.

### Infantry School Hunt

Fort Benning, Georgia  
Established 1923  
Recognized 1927

Master: Lt. Col. F. R. Weber.  
Hounds: American and Welsh.  
Hunting: Fox, wildcat, boar, drag.  
Colors: Scarlet, infantry-blue collar.

Red fox, grey fox, wildcat, deer and pig with an accidental skunk occasionally have led the officers and ladies of the Infantry School Hunt at full gallop and boggy walk over the open ranges, pine woods and swamps of the military reservation so far this season.

A two hundred pound pig was caught Sunday morning January 12 between Mary's Falls and the Chattahoochee River after a 2-hour chase by a Field of 36 and 3 of the Infantry School Kennel hounds, the bull terrier kill dog, aided and abetted by the veteran pig dog Fluffy—a Spitz, and a Kerry Blue terrier. A magnificent carry out of the huge tusked pig was made by Sgt. Erwin Tweed, son of the former Huntsman Sgt. Thomas Tweed, for half a mile from the swamp country to a meeting with the 3-4-ton hound truck. Young Tweed on Fred rode down into a creek hock deep in mud with the live pig in his lap, when water reached the horse's belly he lunged to the farther shore and was ridden safely up a 30-foot bank with a fifty degree slippery slope. The Master who had hunted with Tweed when his mount was a Shetland pony described the feat as the most brilliant he had seen in the hunting field.

Three amusing and harmless falls occurred when Lt. Bob Case and Miss Katharine Weber apparently practicing their hunt team water crossing for the hunter trials February 16, got too close, bogged down, foundered and were thrown from their struggling horses with Miss Weber landing face down in the black thick ooze to emerge laughing, cold and muddy. The Master, Frederick R. Weber, and a major were galloping well ahead on this ten mile ride when they ran under tangled undergrowth and the major was forced to dismount, ended up sitting on the ground helpless with the horse standing on his coat tails. It took a good shove on the part of the Master to move the mount and free the man.

Coffee and rolls in the tack room at the stables were served at 7:30 A. M. by the Detachment Mess to the following members of the hunt staff and Field before the hack to the kennels to pick up hounds; Lt. Col. Frederick R. Weber, M. F. H., Lt. Col. Earl F. Holton, Lt. Col. Richard Collins, British Liaison, Lt. Col. John Hitchings, Major George Beatty, Capt. Frank Lillyman, whips, and Misses Evelyn and Frances Hass, ANC, Mary Shindelbower ANC, Elizabeth Clark, Shirley French and Katharine Weber, Mesdames John Hitchings, Anne Walker and

Kate Weber, Lt. Col. L. A. Curtis.  
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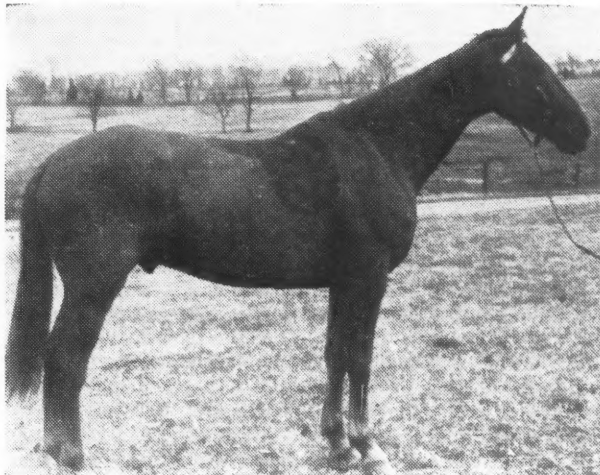
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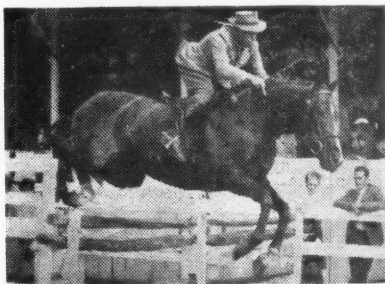
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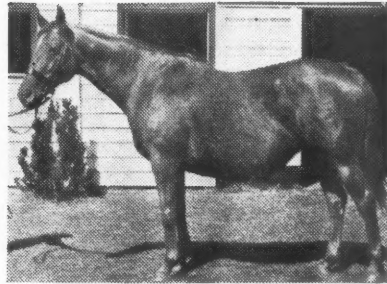
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**Goldens Bridge Hounds**

Brewster, N. Y.  
Established 1924  
Recognized 1925  
Master: R. Laurence Parish.  
Hounds: American.  
Hunting: Fox.  
Colors: Scarlet, black collar.

**December 10th:**

The Field met at Glendhu Farm and moved off to hunt the country over von Gal swamp and Star Ridge section and crossed the Peach Lake Road and found on rocky ledge on Arthur Vail's farm, east of the golf course. Hounds ran fast over Dingle Ridge and back to near the starting point where fox went to safety in ledge. We found a second fox in the woodland near William Gladwin's kennels and after about 20 minutes marked this fox to ground.

**December 12th:**

Rain, Rain,  
Go away,  
No hounds are  
"Gone away" today!

**December 14th:**

From 8 Bells Farm we hunted over Mr. Ross' farm and Dongle Ridge and found in a swamp on William Bates' farm. We had a fast run over the Ridgebury section, over Spring Valley and marked the fox in on a hillside on Miss Bessie Smith's farm. We viewed fox No. 2, a nice big red, breaking out of briar patch on Mr. Russell's farm and over into Connecticut. About 40 galloping minutes later hounds marked in an open field on the former David Vail farm. This was a very lucky escape for Reynard. Hounds were closing in fast and as he dropped in, about 6 of the leading hounds grabbed for his brush as it slid out of sight. We had another chase but when our pilot led us to the Brewster-Danbury Road heading towards Joe's Hill, we called off.

**December 15th:**

A chill-in-the-bones day, with only a few hardies meeting at Rock Ridge Farm. We had a chase around Meadow Lane Farm and von Gal swamp but called this a short day and returned to the kennels.

**December 17th:**

Rain again called off the hunt, our 2nd postponement of the season, alas!

**December 19th:**

We met at Meadow Lane Farm on this cold and frosty morning, cast over Meadow Lane and von Gal swamp and found a good running red in upper end of Loddell Farm. The fox ran along Hardscrabble Road for about 300 yards then swung right over Bates' farm on west via Red Shield Stable. Hounds fairly flew on to Hunting House Hill where the pack circled a couple of times then on to Field's Lane where fox went to earth at edge of a gravel quarry on Mr. Sollinger's farm. We found a second fox in an open field on Mr. Ryder's farm but he only ran a few minutes and went to safety in woodland on Ryder's farm. A very good morning, the ground frozen hard. Scent was good in fields and woods but no scent in roadways, where they had to be helped.

**December 24th:**

Star Ridge Farm the meeting place. Found all coverts in Star Ridge section blank. We crossed Peach Lake Road and found in Mr. Arthur Vail's woodland, had a rollicking run around Dongle Ridge and back over Mr. Hansen's farm. Hounds marked their fox in near the former Nichols' swamp. Scent was excellent and hounds went after this old red in no uncertain terms.

**December 26th:**

A goodly field turned out at Waterfall Farm and worked against the very high wind up Spring Valley. Two deer loped over Dongle Ridge

**Mr. Newbold Ely's Hounds**

Ambler, R. D. 1, and Zionsville, R. D. 1  
Established 1929  
Recognized 1931  
Master: (1929) Newbold Ely.  
Whippers-in: Fred Nichols.  
M. H. Stein, Jr.  
Kennel Huntsman: Charles Grisdale.  
Hounds: American and Welsh.  
Hunting: Fox.  
Colors: Scarlet, brown collar, blue piping.

Hunting right along this season has been so consistently good that it is very hard to choose just what days to write about. If our mind goes back it is one day after another of the white hounds with their black spots streaming along and behind them the congenial fields of scarlet coats and blue jeans, galloping, galloping, galloping.

On Jan. 7 the meet was at Mr. Flood's at 10:30 A. M. The temperature was 34 degrees. It was a clear day with no wind and the humidity —50. Hounds struck an old line along the hedgerow leading into Heckler's thicket and swinging right-handed they came down back of Flood's barn, then north to Saw Mill Road where hounds were stopped. Hounds were then cast in the pasture along the creek into Mr. Heckler's farm below a stone quarry with no results. Our Master, who was hunting hounds as usual on Saturday, then decided to try Walter's Woods and after working silently through the west end, hounds struck a good line and went away fast to the north, swinging left-handed around Mr. Grey's home and circling the lower portion of the woods at a fast pace. Our fox doubled on a driveway and DeLuxe straightened it out and away they streamed again, this time to the northwest. The race ended in a honeysuckle patch along a dirt road as Stonewall rolled over a medium size grey.

Hounds then drew the ridge to the east of Mr. Christy's where some memorable runs were had last season. True to form Mr. Christy's covert again held a fox and hounds struck a good line and ran directly east across the Willow Run Road into the Mr. Luchuck's farm and

so we changed our line and drew Merry's wood and found a large grey in back end of 8 Bells Farm among pine trees. After a short circle we ran over Dr. Ratchford's and Ives' farms and a wide circle over Mr. Lee's then back to starting point and the grey dropped in. We found a good straight running red in next bush lot and this fellow gave us a real run. No doubt this was a visitor and was headed for Joe's Hill but was turned by cars on Brewster-Danbury Road near Blue Ribbon Casino and doubled back on to the former Nichols' farm where he dropped in an earth. About this time 2 more deer appeared, standing just over the wall from the field and riders. As the wind was terrific at this point, we called it a day, and a jolly good one at that.

**December 28th:**

Met at Rock Ridge Farm, seat of the Goldens Bridge kennels. We found in von Gal's swamp and ran over Mr. Meldrum's, Rock Ridge and crossed the concrete road near Anson Loddell's and over the Salem Center country where 2 foxes broke out of Battery Farm wood. We ran left over June Farm and crossed North Salem Road over Floyd Keeler's and headed towards Port of Missing Men where we lifted hounds and returned to Salem Center section. We picked up the other fox and hounds marked this one in on Charles Wallace's farm after a wonderful run but unfortunately only a few were out to enjoy it. The going was a bit treacherous, the ground frozen very hard.

**Bethel Lake Beagles Provide Good Run On 43rd Meet**

A cloudy raw, southwest wind, with temperatures near 40, greeted those in the Field for our 43rd meet on January 18. Eight couple of hounds met at 9:15 a. m. The pack was taken by van to Thies' Hill, and were cast north and east, then south over Chapel Heights Road to Duffields' and north to Wilson's and back across Chapel Heights' Road, cast west to Peterson's and east to Thies'. We kicked up a hare north of the hill which ran south through Thies' yard, across Chapel Heights Road into Wilson's. Scent was poor and the young entry and Mischief gave tongue only occasionally across the open fields. The hare checked in the swampy end of Duffield's pasture and here the older hounds were able to hold the line and soon had worked to the end of the swampy Indian grass. The hare jumped up at my feet and the whole pack coursed it north back across the Chapel Heights Road to Van Dexter's and over the hill into the swampy basin. Without a check the hounds carried the hare out to dry

then through the old Hess farm whose fallow fields always provide both fox and game. Our fox was viewed by several members of the field as he swung left-handed going north from Christy's then into Andre's fields, and swinging left-handed our pilot was viewed again as he broke from covert, and headed once more for Christy's thickets. Hounds were running hard and killed the 2nd grey in Mr. Andre's woods.

Andre's woods proved to hold quite a few fox of this color. Hounds were once again cast in Andre's woods and working to the east they ran through Mr. Lonsdale's with Jean doing some very good work. Hunting in a small circle, our pilot came back and again the pack went away in full cry down the creek towards Feldman's. Hounds were then stopped on account of darkness.—Secretariate.

ground and across the Green Tree Road. Here we checked in a farm yard as the swamp had allowed the hounds to get ahead of us. The farmer showed us where he had last seen the hare and we attempted to pick up the line. Scent was again poor and about a half mile farther on we lost completely. Plodder had not checked in the farm yard but had gone ahead and we now picked him up and cast south. As we came near the Chapel Heights Road, Frantic and Mischief found the line and carried it across the road. We lost in Kandle's at exactly noon and returned to kennels.—T. L. G.

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## Inexpensive Scales for Weighing Livestock



### Dynamometer Is Practical Approach To Problem Of Checking Stock Weights Regularly; Insight To Well Being And Progress

by A. Mackay Smith

Regular weighing of livestock is one of the most important methods we have of checking on their well-being and progress. Most of the smartest fitters in the intricate game of preparing fat stock for the show ring make regular and frequent use of the scales as do also many of the men who get Thoroughbred yearlings ready for Saratoga. Recently the rapidity of early gains—of which more hereafter—has come into prominence as a method of selecting breeding stock.

For the big breeding farms, which run large numbers of registered stock, the expense of platform scales, capable of weighing up to five or ten tons, is probably justified. It is a very considerable expense, however, one that will run into four figures or pretty close to it, and quite out of line as far as the man with a commercial operation or just a few head of pure-breds is concerned. However, there are no scales now on the market which are designed to take care of the small operator.

Until some manufacturer is enterprising enough to produce a model for this market, the best answer seems to be the dynamometer. A dynamometer looks something like an oversized alarm clock. It is 8x6x3 inches and weighs only about 8 pounds with attachment shackles. It is moreover, relatively inexpensive. Yet it is capable of weighing up to 20,000 pounds and is so accurate that it is used in important research and field testing work. In fact it is now best known to the general horse public as the instrument used for measuring pulling contests.

J. L. Foust, Superintendent of Schools at Owensboro, Kentucky, has devised an ingenious way of using the dynamometer for weighing livestock. Two tree trunks 11 feet long were set 3 feet in the ground and another trunk set across the tops of the first two as a cross piece. From the middle of this was suspended a chain hoist to which was attached the dynamometer. A slatted crate with solid floor, big enough to hold a full size steer or horse, was hung from the dynamometer by means of chains attached to the four corners of the crate. Both ends of the crate had hinged gates.

The procedure followed in weighing an animal is simple. A bull or horse will enter the crate readily when both gates are open and it looks as though he could walk out the far side. Once he is fairly on the floor, however, the gates are closed, the crate is raised with the chain hoist and the dynamometer does the rest. It takes about 2 1-2 minutes to weigh an individual animal by this method. Two or 3 heifers and a correspondingly larger

number of sheep or hogs may be weighed at the same time. The whole outfit may be easily moved to any point where uprights are available or, if a permanent installation is desired, the chain hoist may be dispensed with, the crate suspended a few inches above the ground, and ramps placed level with the gates so as to allow the animals to go in and out. This arrangement effects a considerable time saving.

The dynamometer operates on the principle of the "bending of a beam", does not depend upon springs and is accurate in all temperatures. The machine used at Owensboro is equipped with a red maximum hand that remains at the top load, making it easy to check back on each reading, and the dial is protected with shatter-proof glass.

The advantages of weighing stock on the farm before it goes across the stock yard scales are obvious. There is nothing like being able to check the weights. Stock yard scale are particularly good places to pick up infection, Bang's disease, hog cholera and the rest. If you are buying feeders from a neighbor, it will be greatly to your advantage to weigh them on the farm, where there is no danger of picking up all the germs in the veterinary books.

Regular weighing of fat stock that is being fitted for the show or sales ring is of the greatest help in checking the efficacy of the feeding program. Moreover it has recently been found that weights at birth and during the first few months of an animal's life give an excellent indication of its probable performance at maturity.

The Agricultural Research Center of the U. S. Department of Agriculture at Beltsville, Maryland has been weighing its Shorthorn calves at birth for 14 years. Weights varied from 40 to 109 pounds and averaged 70.5 pounds. The calves that were heavier at weaning time, however, reached a weaning weight of 500 pounds and a slaughter weight of 900 pounds considerably sooner. Certain bulls consistently sired calves with greater than average birth weights; the birth weight of calves tended to increase with the age of the dams up to 6 years.

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## Request Sets Pace In Open Jump Class At Cavalry Riding School

By Kathryn Hubbell

The interest created by the 1st schooling show held this season at the Cavalry Riding Academy in Shaker Heights, Ohio, was further increased by the 2nd show which was held on January 19.

As in the first show, Miss Cynthia Keeler and Bob Sloan were competitors for the blue in the open jump 4'-0" class. This time Mr. Sloan took Sterling Smith's Request to victory, with Bob Mutch's Mothball, Miss Keeler up, a close 2nd.

In the ladies' hunters Elizabeth Easley's Don Juan and Prince Hal were pinned with the blue and red respectively.

Robert York White of the Chagrin Valley Hunt Club was the judge. Ribbons were pinned by Miss Patsy Wilson.

### SUMMARIES

Open jump. Div. A. jumps 2' 6"—1. Skidoo, Cavalry Riding Academy; 2. Scooter, Cavalry Riding Academy. Div. B. jumps 3'-0"—1. Star, Cavalry Riding Academy; 2. Little John, Cavalry Riding Academy. Div. C. jumps 3'-6"—1. Exchange, Joan McIntosh; 2. Prince Hal.

regularly weighed every month and fed a standard ration. It has been found that those which make the cheapest gain per pound of weight during their first 12 months are the ones which at maturity make the best use of their feed and prove to be the best producers of milk and butterfat.

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## JUNIOR SECTION

### Toronto Show Under Auspices Of Juniors Highly Successful

By Broadview

It would seem safe to say that the first horse show held in Canada in 1947 was that staged by the younger generation on Jan. 11 in Toronto. This was originally scheduled for Dec. 28 but a heavy snowfall made a necessary postponement. Run by the members of the Eglinton Branch of the Institute of the Horse and Pony Club who are now full fledged members of the Canadian Horse Shows Assn., this was the 1st of a series of junior shows planned for 1947.

Many successful junior shows have been held in Toronto during the past several years and the last 3 have been run entirely by the young people. They have learned the snags that so often arise in running a horse show and this 1947 event even surpassed their previous successes. The number of entries, however, reached almost alarming proportions, although the children had tried to condition classes to avoid this. Consequently their time allotment for classes was thrown out. The morning show ran an hour overtime and the afternoon performance was thrown off schedule to run into darkness which was just what they had tried to avoid as many of the children had to ride home. They were all well instructed to be careful of cars and slippery roads and all got back safely.

The show, open to all riders 18 years and under, brought a number of entries from out of town. The Cudney boys made the long trip all the way from Winona, Ont., and Bill Stoddart came almost as far from Hamilton, Ont. with his bouncing chestnut Sky King. Another entry came from Weston and a number from points north of Toronto.

The 14 classes included events for equitation, ponies, pleasure horses and classes for hunters and jumpers.

The class for hired horses or ponies saw a tremendous flock enter the ring, big ones and little ones, fat ones and lean ones, but the horses are ever improving as a class such as this has always been included in the junior shows. Many of the Pony Club children rely on hired horses and the class has been put on to help encourage the riding schools to provide better horses for these children who are not fortunate enough to own their own. There were some very useful sorts, rangy hunters and cobby ponies. The Judge, Maj. Charles Baker, really gave them a thorough test and the winner was Patsy, ridden by Miss Elizabeth Miller and owned by the Sunnybrook Riding Club. The trophy for this class is held by the rider of the winner from show to show but becomes the permanent property of the riding school whose horses win it on 3 occasions. This show saw the original trophy presented to Mr. Mason for the Sunnybrook Riding Club.

The children included a gate in handy hunters and open hunters, wisely feeling that a hunter for a young person should be one that is well mannered and have stressed the gate opening and closing to insure that they are suitable horses and to remind the young crowd of the importance of looking after gates when hunting. If there is any breach of etiquette toward farmers it won't be from these boys and girls.

Challenge cups were presented for most of the classes which are carried from one show to the next. Sporting tie pins were awarded in other classes with chocolates going to the 1st and 2nd ribbon winners. The policy has been continued of not giving prize money except in stakes and with a 25 cent entry fee, there would hardly be much money to give away so the children have a whale of a time and gain valuable experience at a very nominal outlay. A large number of the children have financial responsibilities in hiring horses and the ones who come a distance have little chance of making expenses, but everything is carried on in the sporting manner and it looks as though Ontario has a great horse show future with such a large number of young enthusiasts. No less than 58 children

### Inaugural Junior Hunt Of Marlborough Club Finds Keen Ones Afield

It has long been a cherished ambition of the Marlborough Hunt Club, located in the historical hunting section of Southern Maryland at Upper Marlboro, that the club might hold each year at least one junior hunting event to provide good sport for their juniors and guests and to help develop in them, or more of them, the love for horses and hounds and the great hunting they provide under the direction of a competent Master and staff and thus to insure a strong, active and progressive future not only for their club but for organized fox hunting as The Chronicle and its special writers have so often pointed out and encouraged.

This club has now held under the direction of John L. Kelly, chairman of the club's junior hunters events committee, its 1st annual Junior Hunt during the recent Christmas holidays when more of its juniors were free to enjoy this event because of school and college vacations. A field of 19 turned out to make this inaugural hunt a most successful one. There were 15 juniors in the Field and 4 seniors, the latter being officially connected with the event. Seniors were not barred from the hunt but they were

competed in equitation classes and there must have been well over 70 horses in attendance. Sifton's arena, which is a large one, was partitioned off to make 1-3 of it into a hitching ring which left ample room for jumping courses. However, with some classes having almost 40 entries things did get a bit cramped but there are not many rings that can accommodate that number.

Fourteen riders entered the ring for the class for matched horses or ponies under saddle. It was apparent that their riders had been getting their heads together to match up their horses, even down to braiding their tails alike. Some practice days must have been put in too, or else the riders were definitely upon the bit for the pairs performed for the most part as one horse. The winners were the well matched bays Ernest la Point, owned by the Siftons and ridden by Gary Smellie, and Lady Diane ridden by Tom Gayford.

There was a time around Toronto when the sport saw chiefly the so called weaker sex competing but now the hard riding boys seem to carry off most of the awards. They, in fact, accounted for three-quarters of the ribbons won at this show. Maybe the time will come back when we shall have plenty of young fellows for amateur steeplechasing.

Dr. E. Mumford and Maj. Charles Baker were the judges for the day.

#### SUMMARIES

Equitation, (a) 12 years and under 14-1. John Rumble; 2. Albert Williams; 3. Ross Cudney; 4. Jim Elder.

(b), under 12 years-1. Heather McLean; 2. Jack Pady; 3. Judy Caldwell; 4. Gail Hamilton.

Pony 13.8, not exceeding 14.2-1. Daphne, Heather McLean; 2. Patsy, Doris Mason; 3. Lucky Star, Harold Irwin; 4. Teddy, Sandra Powell.

Hired horse class-1. Patsy, Elizabeth Miller; 2. Lady Grey, Doug Catto; 3. Doctor, John Sproat; 4. Kilroy, Sylvia Rhind.

Pony under 13.0-1. Little Prince, Jack Pady; 2. Madeline, Jim Elder; 3. Princess, Lionel Conacher; 4. Judy, Peter Harris.

Equitation 14 years and over-1. Delphine Roy; 2. Peter Perras; 3. Sylvia Rhind; 4. Doug Catto.

Jumping, horses or ponies not eligible for stake class-1. Teddy, Sandra Powell; 2. Lady Grey, Doug Catto; 3. Pal o'Mine, Peter Perras; 4. Doctor, Judy Caldwell.

Handy hunter-1. Torpedo, Tom Gayford; 2. Bartender, Doug Hood; 3. Ernest la Point, Gary Smellie; 4. Pal o'Mine, Peter Perras.

Advanced equitation, riders not eligible for other equitation classes-1. Tom Gayford; 2. Doug Hood; 3. Doug Cudney; 4. Doris Mason.

Performance-1. Bartender, Doug Hood; 2. Western, Albert Williams; 3. Torpedo, Tom Gayford; 4. Sky King, Bill Stoddart.

Hunter-1. Winsome, Doug Cudney; 2. Pal o'Mine, Peter Perras; 3. The Rocket, Tom Gayford; 4. Hi Jack, Gary Smellie.

Pair matched horses or ponies under saddle-1. Ernest la Point, Gary Smellie; Lady Diane, Tom Gayford; 2. Bel-Boy, Albert Williams; Winsome, Doug Cudney; 3. Bomber, Anne Sweetman; Pal, Mary Burbridge; 4. Patsy, Doris Mason; Little Gentleman, Mary E. Rumble.

Hunt pair-1. Bel-Boy, Albert Williams; Hi Jack, Tom Gayford; 2. Winsome, Doug Cudney; Rabby Sox, Ross Cudney; 3. Torpedo, Tom Gayford; Ernest la Point, Gary Smellie; 4. The Rocket, Tom Gayford; Rufus, Gary Smellie.

Hunter under saddle-1. Winsome, Doug Cudney; 2. Lady Diane, Tom Gayford; 3. Ernest la Point, Gary Smellie; 4. Doctor, John Sproat.

not encouraged to come out except as observers on foot.

Before the hunt started the junior hunters formed a semi-circle around John D. Bowling, M. F. H., who welcomed them in behalf of the club and requested Honorary Whipper-In Hal C. B. Clagett, Jr. to brief the children on the traditions of fox hunting and the reasons for and importance of, hunting etiquette and general good manners in the field as well as the protection of property over which one might hunt. The idea for this talk was suggested by the report in a recent issue of The Chronicle (Sept. 27, 1946) of some similar advice given to English hunting juniors by Contributor J. Fairfax-Blakeborough.

Previous to this talk, the junior hunting staff for the day was announced by Mr. Clagett who was chairman of the selection committee. The appointments were made from among those juniors who have hunted regularly and well with the seniors this season, and in some cases for many seasons. John Brooke Kelly, whose ancestor Robert Brooke brought the first pack of foxhounds to Maryland in 1650, was appointed Master and hunted astride the fine, well trained, black gelding Dexter, a handsome 5-year-old which he has so well schooled that since its introduction to the hunt field this year it has acted as a veteran hunter rather than the green hunter it is.

The honorary junior whippers-in for the day were Richard ("Dickie") Zantzing, Jr., on Glory, the former point-to-point star performer, who was accompanied by the club's president and honorary whipper-in, Alfred H. ("Al") Smith, whose son, Alfred, riding his father's fine blue ribbon winner Nanette, was appointed the other whipper-in and was accompanied by Hal Clagett who hunted on his superb Black Knight.

An innovation was the appointment of Joint-Field Masters from among the juniors as the Master of the Marlborough Hunt has, since the beginning of the last war, hunted hounds as is so often the custom in England and with some American hunts. The Junior Master carried out his role by also hunting the hounds under the direction of the Master who accompanied him. The Joint-Field Masters were Miss Nancy Brooke Kelly, sister of the

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Junior Master and Miss Sally Zantzing, the former on her father's veteran hunter and open jumper, Maryland Miss, which she has hunted and shown so often the last 2 years, and the latter on Harry Smith's chestnut which fences so neatly for Marlborough's Field Master. The young Joint-Field Masters were assisted in seeing that any damaged property was repaired or reported to the Junior Master, that gates and gaps were closed, and that juniors who might need assistance in troublesome places were helped, by Norman Taylor and Katherine Brooke ("Tiffy") Kelly another junior hunting veteran and sister of the Junior Master.

Other juniors in the field were those fine riders Jimmy and Richard Bland, sons of genial Mr. and Mrs. James B. Bland of Suitland; John Marlow Myers, a splendid junior rider and hunter who gave a superb performance of good horsemanship and who came all the way from College Park, Maryland with his guest Miss Josephine Shipley; Miss Ann Showell, that good little hunter who was a guest of Miss Sally Zantzing; Lansdale G. (Ghiselin) Sasser, Jr., on his fine, big, chestnut gelding Timber; Edward Tuck on Miss Josephine Hall's grand gray hunter and last but not least Robert ("Bobby") Sweeney,

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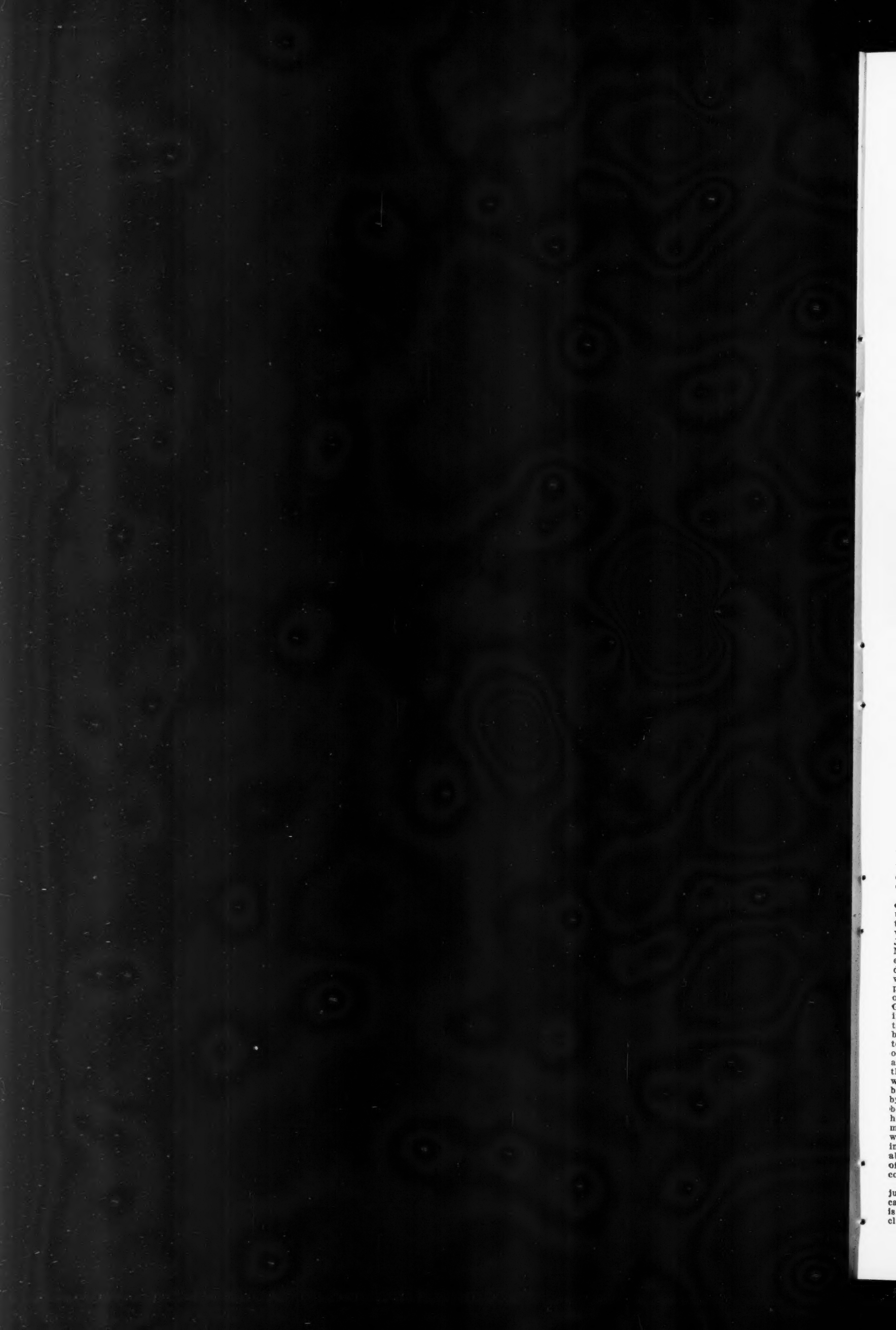
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## Marlborough's First Annual Junior Hunt

(Photos by Bennett Tucker)



Two views of the Field moving off. At top Honorary-Whipper-in Hal B. C. Clagett, Colonel in command of a B-29 group which blasted Tokyo; and "Junior-Whipper-in" Alfred Smith are followed by "Joint-Field Masters" Misses Nancy B. Kelly and Sally Zantzinger and others. In right view, John D. Bowling, M.F.H., Marlborough Hunt, (Md.), is pictured leading another section of the Field, immediately followed by "Junior M.F.H." John Brooke Kelly.



Hal B. C. Clagett "briefed" the Field on hunting etiquette and general good manners prior to hounds being cast.



Master Kelly, "Junior M.F.H.", stands by with Mr. Bowling, M.F.H., as hounds are blown in at end of day.

### Marlborough Juniors

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out for his first hunt and who did so well on that reliable mare Glimpse which Fendall Clagett hunts so very well.

The hunt started from "Keokuk", the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gui H. Clagett over whose land members have enjoyed many pleasurable hunts. To a considerable extent the panelling of this and surrounding country consists of post and rail fences and is an ideal location for a junior hunt as jumps that cannot otherwise be negotiated can easily be lowered if the need arises as it did on one occasion during this event.

The good size field moved off in colorful array to the delight of many unmounted seniors who came to see the start of the hunt. The first cast with 6 couples was made by the Junior Master in the covert to the Northwest of "Keokuk" and it looked as though a blank had been drawn on this try but as hounds worked their way to Ceney Bean's place the hounds found and worked out a line which carried back to the Gui Clagett farm and on to the rolling country of Lee Suit's place and that of Ralph Carrick and thence back to Mr. Bean's by way of his tobacco barn and old log cabin and on to what has come to be known as the old graveyard field. From there it was on to Miss McGregor's where the red fox went to ground but not before it had been viewed by Mr. and Mrs. James B. Bland who, being such good veteran hunters, had anticipated the fox's possible movements and drove to a spot which luckily gave them the thrilling view. All in all the run lasted about 25 minutes and covered some of the most picturesque hunting country to be found anywhere.

This junior hunt proved that the juniors can give good sport under capable direction and with time it is expected that the juniors of this club will be able to hunt hounds



That "pause that refreshes" came under the heading of hot-chocolate at the hunt breakfast at Mr. and Mrs. Alfred H. Smith's "Blythewood". Top photo, l. to r., Misses Ann Shovell, Nancy B. Kelly and Marilyn Ann Smith. Right photo, l. to r., Richard Zantzinger, John Brooke Kelly and his 2 sisters, Misses Nancy B. Kelly and Katherine B. Kelly.

with very little, if any, aid from the senior staff.

Following the hunt the junior hunters were invited to the nearby home of the Alfred H. Smiths' "Blythewood", for warming chocolate as the weather had been most brisk throughout the day. This interlude before the hack home the hunters found most enjoyable as they sipped their warming refreshments before blazing fires.

An added attraction for the junior hunters the same day was an invitation to a tea dance as guests of Dr. and Mrs. Davies. This was held at the Army and Navy Country Club and is an annual affair of that club for its own juniors and their guests.

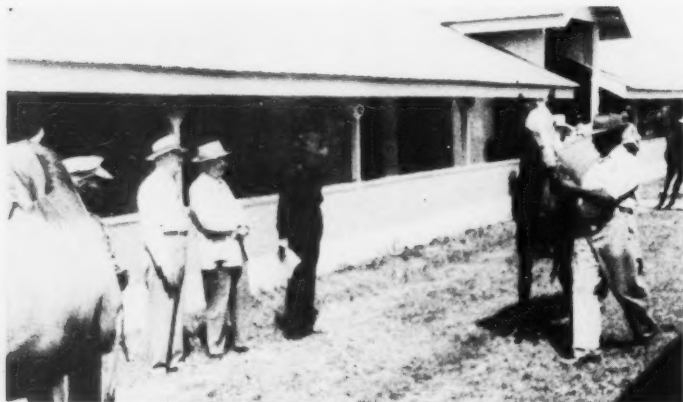
All in all the day was a tremendous success and the Marlborough Hunt Club is so encouraged it expects to put on many more junior hunts as well as other junior events.



Edward Tuck and Lonsdale G. Sasscer were home for the holidays and hunting.

# Inspecting A \$54,000 Filly

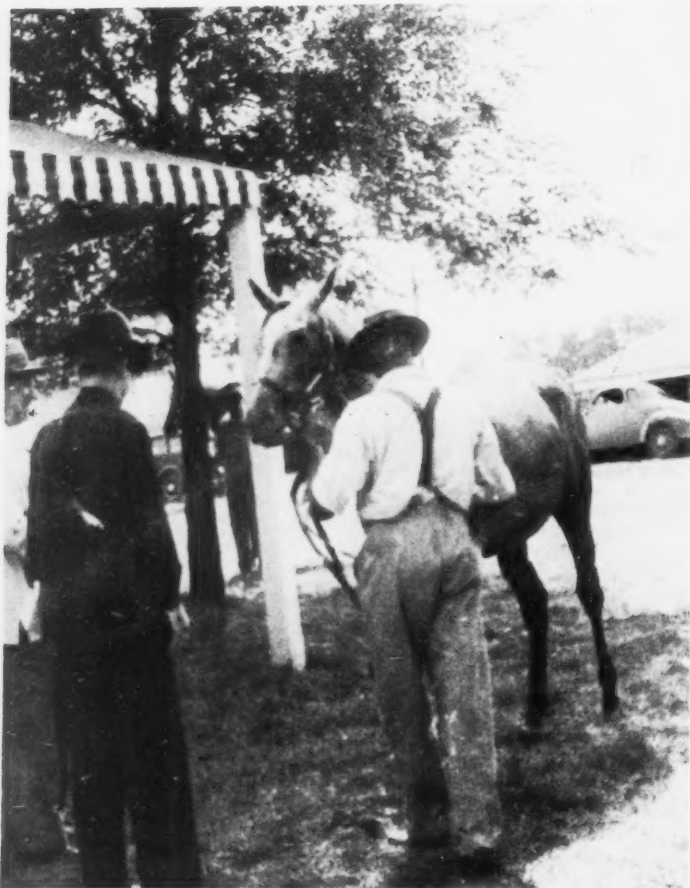
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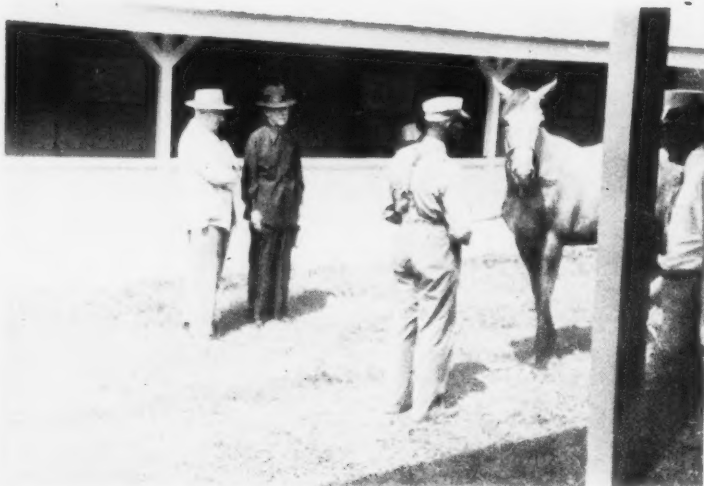
Leslie Combs II, J. S. Phipps and J. P. "Sammy" Smith watch Lucas B. Combs' \*BLENHEIM II-LA CHICA filly led by. Extreme left is Leslie Combs II's WAR ADMIRAL-DANISE M. fillies.



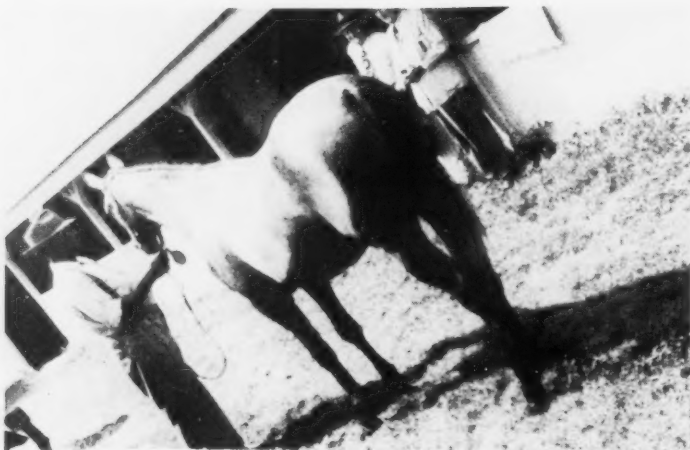
Mr. Phipps and Mr. Smith deliberate at length. They spent the greater part of one morning studying both the LA CHICA and the DANISE M. fillies.



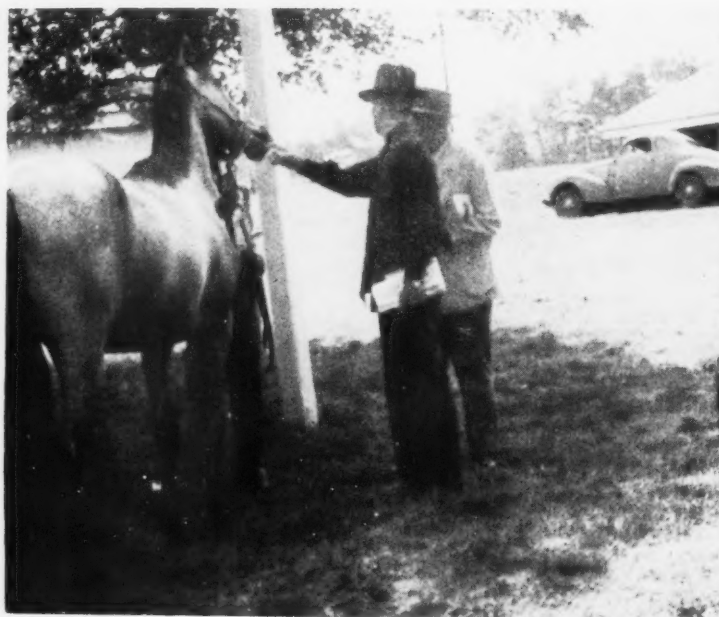
Here the eventual buyer, Mr. Phipps and Mr. Smith note the filly's stance.



Mr. Phipps and Mr. Smith Watch the half-sister to EL CHICO walk out. In the Lexington, Ky., Keeneland Sales paddocks.



Mr. Combs II, one of America's greatest Thoroughbred salesmen talks with Mr. Phipps as this candid photo pictures the LA CHICA filly from an odd angle. The DANISE M. filly also brought a \$54,000 price, purchased by Maine Chance Farm.



Mr. Smith points out that the filly has no indication of a parrot-mouth. At the sales that night Mr. Smith, representing the well known Virginia-breeder, went to \$54,000, a new American price record for a filly.

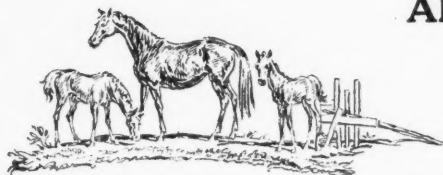








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These are profuse and in themselves make the book a desirable item. They have evidently been selected with much care and discrimination from the plates of our leading race horse photographers, and form a really beautiful "gallery of cracks", admirably engraved and printed. Among those shown are the following:

Man o'War, Blue Larkspur, \*Mahmoud, Top Flight, Devil Diver, Count Fleet, War Date, Bull Lea, Pavot, Challedon, Alsab, Twilight Tear, Domino, Fair Play, Ben Brush, Sweep, Whirlaway, Epinard, Equipose, War Admiral, Seabiscuit, and down to Busher. In all there are some sixty-odd, which range as far back as Longfellow and include not only a selection of the greatest performers of the American turf through that period, but numerous of its famous progenitors and producers.

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Colonel Wall has devoted the major part of his time and thought to race and light-horse breeding for over twenty-five years past, and in addition to his theoretical and similar knowledge, has enjoyed an extended career as a working officer of the U. S. Army, in the Remount and other branches of the Cavalry. He thus has the advantage of being able to combine both the practical—or, if you prefer, empirical—and the laboratory methods and viewpoints and he has done so very happily while preserving a balance between the two.

As he is it might be said, completely disinterested and a laborer above all things "for the good of the cause," the reader is not under the unpleasant necessity of being constantly on his guard because of an aggressive propaganda for and against various doctrinaire theories or systems which render in large degree valueless books upon breeding.

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## Connecticut Horsemen Are Out To Get Racing In State

By Shirley Williams

Connecticut horsemen are once again out to push a racing bill through the Connecticut General Assembly. With interest keen on the part of horse owners, horse lovers, and sporting men, the Nutmeg Sportsmen's Assn., has been formed to promote flat racing and to legalize pari-mutuel betting in the state. Only a short time ago, a tax committee endeavoring to find an additional means of state revenue, suggested pari-mutuel as a possible solution. A state income tax or a sales tax were the only other two recommendations, neither one of which were popularly received. So far no answer to this problem has been found, however, pari-mutuel was turned down.

The Nutmeg Sportsmen's Assn.'s chief interest is to procure racing for the Connecticut public and to further horse racing in New England, already a great horseminded section of the country.

Connecticut at the present time must raise nearly \$4,000,000 in order to balance its budget. In addition to this, there is a bill which has not yet been passed, which proposes a soldier's bonus which reads that every soldier will receive no less than \$100 and not more than \$300. If this bill is passed it will no doubt greatly enhance the possibility of the racing bill going through, using pari-mutuel as the financial source.

It has been estimated that this past year approximately 3,000 Connecticut residents attended the Narragansett track daily for their 175 racing days. Basing their figures on an average of \$10 per car to get there, \$5,250,000 was spent for Connecticut transportation alone. With these same estimated attendance figures, in betting only, averaging \$20 per person, \$10,500,000 was taken in. The state of Rhode Island took 10 percent of this total Connecticut money through pari-

mutuel. In actuality Rhode Island netted approximately \$6,000,000 in taxes in 1946. New York state netted close to \$30,000,000. Both of these through pari-mutuel alone.

The proposed racing bill will come before the Judiciary Committee before the end of February. Very little official action has been taken to date and the campaign though possessing the fire of a presidential election is shrouded in a cloak of mystery. Vincent D'Elia of Middletown is the sole lobbyist registered with the secretary of the State. Representative Harold D. Finch, Republican from Ridgefield will introduce the bill.

Another racing bill which has already been presented by Representative James B. Mullen, Republican from Burlington, provides that the money received by the State through pari-mutuel will be used solely to finance the veteran's bonus.

Mr. Finch's bill will not commit the revenue from racing to any particular purpose but rather to be put into a general fund for general uses. One of the points to be included in the Finch bill is that of allotting a certain percentage of pari-mutuel income to the state funds to be added to their prize monies to increase interest in breeding livestock and the development of Connecticut fair activities. This plan is already in effect in New Hampshire as well as California.

The last fight for racing took place in Connecticut in 1935. The bill was passed by both the House and the Senate but was vetoed by the Governor. Governor McConaughy has already expressed his opposition to it but whether or not he will exert his veto should the bill pass the Assembly is not known. The greatest opposition to the present proposed bill has been by the press with daily editorials and special articles.

At the present time, Connecticut is equipped to begin racing this next summer, with a total of 4 tracks, all but one used in the past for sulky racing. These are located at Stafford Springs, Cherry Park in Hartford, Danbury, and C. F. Herrman's private track in Middletown.

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(Nance's Ace)	
*BOSWELL ..... 1	8,600
(Round View)	
REAPING REWARD ..... 1	8,500
(Eternal Reward)	
ROMAN ..... 1	8,500
(The Shaker)	

### 10 LEADING BREEDERS OF STAKES WINNERS

Races Won	
W. M. Jeffords..... 2	
Mrs. John Hertz..... 2	
C. T. Clifford..... 1	
R. C. Ellsworth..... 1	
Janon Fisher, Jr..... 1	
J. H. Gaines..... 1	
Idle Hour Stock..... 1	
Farm Co.	
F. B. Koontz &..... 1	
P. Simmons	
Mrs. E. V. Mars..... 1	
Meadowview Farms... 1	
Riddle & Scott..... 1	

### 10 LEADING OWNERS OF STAKES WINNERS

Races Won	
Shamrock Stables ..... 2	
Augustus & Nahm..... 1	
R. C. Ellsworth..... 1	
Frances Stable ..... 1	
Glen Riddle Farms.... 1	
Hacienda de Cortez.... 1	
H. A. Dabson..... 1	
L. Gerngross ..... 1	
Mrs. J. Hertz..... 1	
W. D. Rorex..... 1	
Sanford Stud Farm.... 1	
Sunshine Stable ..... 1	

### 10 LEADING TRAINERS OF STAKES WINNERS

Races Won	
J. McGee ..... 2	
C. Cribben ..... 1	
M. N. Gonzalez..... 1	
T. G. Rimes..... 1	
A. Gruber ..... 1	
C. J. Hall..... 1	
W. O. Hicks..... 1	
H. Hughes ..... 1	
M. Level ..... 1	
J. B. Rosen..... 1	
E. H. Sorrell..... 1	
M. A. Tenny..... 1	

## Breeders' Notes

### Sunshine Park Arrivals

Dr. A. S. Moore, Walterboro, S. C., has shipped 6 horses to Sunshine Park, Tampa, Fla. All workouts are completed by 10 A. M. to prevent interference with reconditioning of the 330 acre Oldsmar oval plant. Racing Secretary William Shewbridge predicts a very satisfactory and fast track. Paddock Judge is John Pons.

### The Colonel's Companion

C. C. Tanner has purchased the 5-year-old Darien from Indian Rock Stable of Henry Ullmer for \$10,000 to serve as a work companion for Colonel O'F., Kentucky Derby candidate. Darien, son of Teddy's Comet, was a 3-time stakes winner in 1946.

### Tropical's Double Event

Trainer Henry McDaniel feels that the Tropical Park "Double Event" Stakes feature should be run in separate handicaps. He felt that after Westminster, son of \*Bull Dog, had romped off with the first event, like Armed did last year, that a re-arrangement of the figures would have produced a larger field and a better contest. Westminster broke Armed's record by 2-5 of a second in his second half of the Double Event, with exactly the same field in his wake in the winning monies. Still he did not win by as long a margin as he did in the 1st half. Westminster is not eligible for the \$100,000 Santa Anita Handicap but he's slated for the McLennan Memorial and the Widener. Hialeah's features. He gets into the latter with 116 lbs., as against Armed at 129.

### Charing Cross

Charing Cross is standing at Mrs. George Saportas' Inverness Farm, near Monkton, Md., where he was inspected recently. This son of \*Sir Gallahad III—\*Cross of Gold by Gay Crusader, certainly measures up to his beautiful pedigree. Standing 16.1 hands and weighing about 1,200 lbs., Charing Cross impresses you with his handsome head and neck and strong quarters. Billy Myers, one of the Inverness firm has him in the pink of condition and recently advised that Charing Cross had 34 foals; of these 25 have started, 21 have been winners and 3 have placed. There are two 2-year-olds at Inverness by Charing Cross, a filly and a colt and they are both chips off the old block.—E. R.

### Finger-Printed

Everyone at Hialeah Park, headed by John C. Clark, president, has been finger-printed as recommended by the Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau of the Thoroughbred Racing Assn. John L. Madala, director of safety at Hialeah Race Course has been in charge.

### \*Biscailuz

The influx of Argentine-breds to California continues and the latest to be retired to stud is \*Biscailuz, 6-year-old steel grey by Bad Rudden—Savona, by Lombardo. Bred by Jorge De Atucka, \*Biscailuz was imported and raced by J. H. Logan and it was in Mr. Logan's colors that the grey won the 35th running of the Havre de Grace Handicap last season. Albert Ichelson of San Francisco decided to retire the grandson of Blandford after he bowed and he will make the 1947 season at Hemet Stock Farm, Hemet, Calif., where also stand With Regards, Barnello and Ruditauros.

### Monmouth Park

Amory L. Haskell, M. F. H., popular spirit of sport in New Jersey country and president of the Monmouth Park Jockey Club, returned from Florida from a recent trip to find that stable applications are already being made for the summer meeting, not to be run until June. He also found that Edward J. Brennan, general manager, had the building of the clubhouse well advanced. This large and expansive clubhouse will be handsomely decorated with special niches for display of the noted trophies to be competed for during the meeting. Besides the paddock, there is a large English walking ring adjacent to the clubhouse. Seed has already been sown for a turf and 'chasing course in the infield. John Turner, Jr., racing secretary, is now busy with the stakes schedule.

### Galla Damion's Shoes

Galla Damion, the sensational Seattle-owned colt, son of Sir Damion, prepping for the Santa Anita \$100,000 Handicap, threw 2 shoes in the mud to give him an excuse for his failure in his only start at Santa Anita. He is still a lively candidate with prospects. Lord Boswell and Knockdown, heralded Maine Chance performers, have not impressed the public on the West Coast in their starts thus far. War Knight, last year's surprise winner, has not been training satisfactorily and has been practically counted out. Occupy and Honeymoon, the latter the greatest California money winner of all time, have not returned to their old form after their retirement freshening. (Galla Damion in his next and most recent effort threw another shoe).

### Maryland Notes

The books of Maryland stallions are filling much in advance of the usual time this year. \*Piping Rock and Lochinvar are two more with full books and many stud farms report their books to be filling rapidly. In addition to the influx of mares to Maryland to foal and for service, many mares are being shipped to Kentucky. A carload of 12 was shipped in the past two weeks and another car will go the first week in February. Sagamore is shipping a car about that time, too, making a total of 36 mares scheduled to go at the present time.—E. S. R.

### Mrs. Williams' Cast

Elizabeth Douglas (Mrs. Charles W.) Williams, diminutive breeder-owner-trainer of Stadacona Farm, Glyndon, Md., who gallops her own yearlings to help get them started right, still wears a cast over her torn knee ligaments suffered in a fall from a colt on December 10. She hopes to get the cast off by the middle of February when the 20 odd mares at Stadacona start foaling. This fine band of mares belonging to the late W. H. LaBoy-teaux will foal this year to \*Piping Rock, \*Easton, Teddy Weed, Jack High, and Hyperion.—E. S. R.

### Count Fleet-Nursemaid

That enterprising head of Fasig-Tipton Sales Co., Kenneth N. Gilpin believes in getting the best to consign at his Saratoga Yearling Sales. He gets them consigned and he goes out and buys them himself. He recently purchased a yearling by Count Fleet—Nursemaid, from Mrs. Helen Carruthers, of Versailles, Ky., through John Clark Horse Agency. Nursemaid, by Luke McLuke, was bred by Roy Carruthers.

### Mink Or O. D.

Whether in mink in a Pimlico box or in one of the Colonel's fatigue jackets at Merryland Farm, Hyde, Md., Marty Shea (well known as Mrs. Danny Shea, too) can pick the good ones and 7 to 5 it is that she had more to do with Danny, the Bill Labrots and Ray Bryson bringing Peace Chance from Kentucky to Maryland than anyone. Within 10 days of Peace Chance's moving into Merryland his book was filled and to allay the pressure of some close friends' insistence, Danny crossed off his own 2 mares for service. Many in Maryland are pleased with Peace Chance's presence in the Free State and look for him to line up with Discovery and \*Challenger II as a stake producing Maryland sire.—E. R.

### Unusual Transaction

Edward Janss, California breeder, sold the produce of Lady Bos'n. in foal to Bimelech, regardless of whether it is a live or dead foal, for \$20,000 to the King Brothers, Morris, Frank and Herman. This undoubtedly was the most unusual transaction among Thoroughbred breeders during 1946. The mare is slated to foal in mid-February.

### Brookfield To Race

Many thought that Harry Isaacs' good stakes winner Brookfield would turn to stud in 1947. His Baltimore owner has recently announced that the 5-year-old son of Bimelech, "leading sprinter for the past 2 seasons in Maryland", will not be retired to stud until 1948. Brookfield is wintering at Henry Horkheimer's Three Cousins Farm near Hyde, Md. His trainer, Frank Kearns, will head him for opening engagements at Havre de Grace in April. In 1948 Mr. Isaacs has planned it already with Charles A. Asbury to stand Brookfield at the latter's Hedgewood Farm, near Lexington, Ky.

### Jockey To Trainer

Morris Peters, for many years well known jockey, has turned to training. He is wintering his horses at Bowie, Md. Waterclock, one of his charges, owned by H. Dickman, made every post a winning one in a maiden 3-year-old effort at Pimlico last fall. This \*Rhodes Scholar—Sari Omar, by \*Sir Gallahad III, bred by Woodvale Farm has demonstrated real speed.

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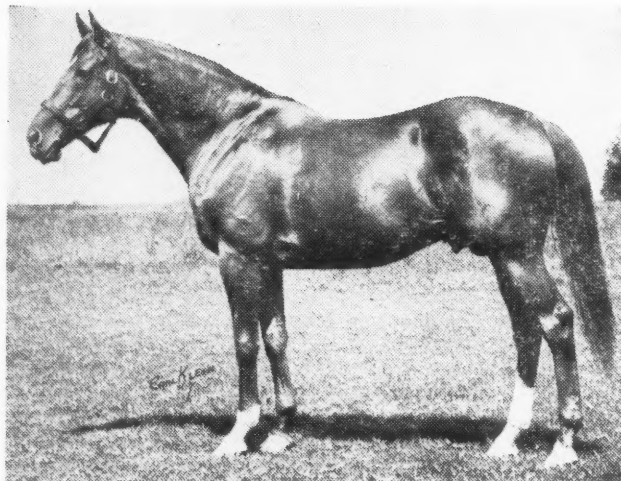
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## Kansas Sires

It takes information from all sources to compile a stallion roster. Put it all together and sires are still omitted. From John L. Monaghan, Stallion Registration Dept., Kansas State Board of Agriculture, came a list of Thoroughbred stallions which were not previously listed in The Chronicle files or recent data was lacking.

ALOCIE, b., 1940 (\*Baltus—Mabel Jay, by Cee Jay Jay), Haviland; (A. M. Mohney).

BOB S., ch., 1935, (Mr. Whiskline—Arlene Connor, by Theo. Cook), Burns; (W. D. McIntosh).

CHANCE CAL L, br., 1941, (Chance Meeting—Powerful Kate, by Powerful), Ottawa; (A. E. Wallace).

FOOT SORE, b., 1934, (Senalado—Lucretia, by Silver Notice), Brewster; (Fulwider Bros.).

GLOSSY BOY, ch., 1939, (Tiger Gloss—Betty Co-ed, by Seat), Moscow; (Ora McCulley).

H-BAR, ch., 1941, (Dozer Boy—Jessamine Ring, by Hilarious), Burden; (C. A. Bolack).

HOME SWIFT, ch., 1930, (Home Sweet Home—Effie Hughes, by Marse Hughes), McPherson; (R. Curtis).

KANSAS RED, red ch., 1939, (Presage—Toi Kay, by \*Glasstoi), Coffeyville; (C. E. Burton).

MARK JAYHAWK, br., 1941, (Mark Master—Toi Kay, by \*Glasstoi), Coffeyville; (C. E. Burton).

MARK TITIAN, ch., 1939, (Titus—Patsy Girl, by Dark Friar), Strong City; (E. C. Roberts).

PUDDIN CAKE, ch., 1941, (Mark Master—Sugar Cake, by Macaw), Milford; (Mrs. J. W. Wofford).

RED RAMBLER, red ch., 1927, (Beauty Boy—Oregon M., by My Pride), Meade; (Perry Mohler).

SCOREBOARD, b., 1941, (Mark Master—Reno Cassie, by Sharnbrook), Milford; (Mrs. J. W. Wofford).

## Strate's String

George Strate has a division of the Greentree Stable horses at Florida this season. Beside the 8 Greentree horses, Mr. Strate has 10 for Lester Manor Stable owned by Frank Heller and Benjamin O'Shea of National Carbide Co. No doubt the yearling Mr. Strate got so enthusiastic about and bought on the spur of the moment at the Keeneland Fall Sales for himself is also wintering in Florida.

## Helis Horses

Last year William Helis' racing band for 1946 was wintered at his Helis Stock Farm, Jobstown, N. J. At this tremendous old Rancocas Stud where indoor galloping rings and a 3-4 mile track enable horses to get within a work of a race, Mr. Helis' trainers did quite well. This winter, however, Mr. Helis is wintering such as Miss Kimo, good stakes winning daughter of Hash, his Kentucky Derby candidate Cosmic Bomb and 18 others at Clarence Buxton's Fair Grounds' Columbia, S. C., track. Mr. Buxton is now completing 26 additional stalls, fashioned from salvage material to provide accommodations. Trainer William Booth will be in charge of the Helis string.

## White Elephant Revived

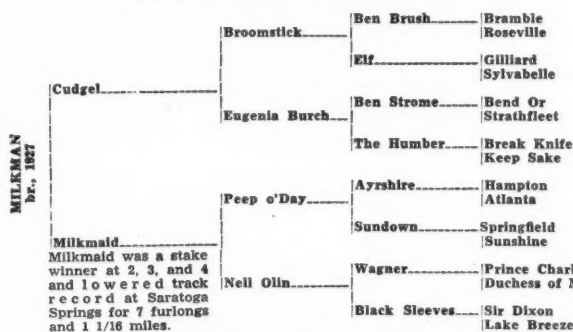
The Albany Race Track, Albany, Calif. horse racing's biggest "white elephant" since 1941 now tabbed the Golden Gate Fields, under the banner of the new Pacific Turf Club, Inc., will again be the site of a major race meeting. A 41-day meeting, extending from September 9 to October 26, will be held at the Fields. Officials include Edward R. Young, a Los Angeles attorney as president, and Frank W. Clark of San Francisco, vice-president and executive manager. The track, a \$2,500,000 investment made by the Golden Gate Turf Club, was completed in 1941 and has laid idle as a racing strip since the initial meeting folded after 5 days of racing. It was taken over in 1944 by the U. S. Navy and was used as a landing force equipment depot.—S. P.

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## First Fiddle

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FIRST FIDDLE, gr. h., 1939, by Royal Minstrel—Rueful, by \*St. Germans. FIRST FIDDLE won: Continental and Louisiana Handicaps in 1943; Grey Lag, Queens County, Massachusetts and Butler Handicaps in 1944; Fleetwing, Massachusetts and Trenton Handicaps in 1945; and the San Antonio Handicap in 1946. This is the first season at stud for this outstanding winner.

## By Jimminy

Fee: \$1,000—Return  
BOOK FULL

BY JIMMINY, br. h., 1941, by \*Pharamond II—Buginarug, by Blue Larkspur. BY JIMMINY had 9 wins, 4 seconds and 3 thirds in 21 starts, earning \$181,120. At two he won the Grand Union Hotel Stakes. At three he won the Shevlin, Dwyer, and Travers Stakes, the Lawrence Realization and the American Derby.

## Pilate

Fee: \$1,000—No Return  
Fee payable at time of service  
BOOK FULL

PILATE, ch., 1928, by Frier Rock—Herodias, by The Tetrarch. Leading sire of 1946 in number of winning races accounted for and fourth on leading sire list in America in amount of money earned by his get in 1946. He is the sire of many Stakes winners including Royal Governor and Phalanx.

## Eurasian

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EURASIAN, br. h., 1940, by \*Quatre Bras II—Tehani, by \*Carlaris. EURASIAN won 6 races as a 3-year-old including the Travers, Jersey Handicap and the Gallant Fox. He won the Questionnaire 'Cap and the Daingerfield 'Cap (breaking the track record) as a 5-year-old.

## Imp. Chrysler II

Fee: \$350—Return

\*CHRYSLER II, br. h., 1931, by \*Teddy—Quick Change, by Hurry On. \*CHRYSLER II is the sire of winners whose earnings have totaled \$157,025 through December 31, 1946. This amount has been substantially increased since the beginning of 1947 with the winning effort of Let's Dance in the \$50,000 San Pasqual Handicap.

## Head Play

Fee: \$350—Return

HEAD PLAY, ch. h., 1930, by My Play—Red Head, by King Gorin. Sire of the winners of 367 races and \$564,348 to end of 1945. Sire of 46 winners in 1946, including 9 2-year-olds. His racing record included stakes winning efforts in The Frenckness, The Suburban, Bay Meadows, San Juan Capistrano and 2nd in the Kentucky Derby and the American Derby.

## Ramillies

Fee: \$350—Return

RAMILLIES, b. h., 1939, by \*Blenheim II—Risky, by Diadumenos. Winning son of sire of Whirlaway and out of the granddam of Beaugay. A high-class race horse. At 2, in Stanford Stakes, he was beaten less than a length by Devil Diver and finished well ahead of Some Chance, Apache, Colchis, Dogpatch, etc. At 6 furlongs he defeated Colchis, Alforay, etc. At 1 1/4 miles he defeated Famous Victory, Corydon, etc. RAMILLIES entered stud in 1945.

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KAYTEE, b. h., 1941, by Blue Larkspur—Occult, by \*Dis Donc. KAYTEE, son of Blue Larkspur, who is sire of many of America's leading stakes winners as well as broodmares, including dam of Twilight Tear (leading 3-year-old of 1944) and By Jimminy (leading 3-year-old colt of 1944).

## Selalbeda

Fee: \$250—Return

SELALBEDA, b., 1938, by Mokstam—Acacia, by \*Archaic. SELALBEDA had five wins out of his first crop of five foals. Out of his second crop, which also consisted of five foals, there were four winners.

## Anibras

Fee: \$100—Return

ANIBRAS, foaled 1939, by \*Quatre Bras II—Tehani, by \*Carlaris—Sister Ship, by Man o'War. ANIBRAS is full brother to Stakes winner Eurasian and Captain's Aide.

# The Dublin Horse Show In Retrospect

**Ireland's Great Horse Show An Event Visited By Horsemen Resplendent Scene Of Intense Activity**

by Aidan Roark

## Number VI

R. D. S. stands for Royal Dublin Society, and that means the horse-show at Dublin, sometimes called "Dirty Dublin," but I think the term is more affectionate than critical. The R. D. S. horse-show is a big event in Ireland, and rightly so, because it attracts the best horses in the country, and people come from many distant lands to see them perform, and possibly take one home.

There is no need to elaborate on the Irish hunters, for they are exported to every country having fences and people who enjoy riding over them. Besides the attraction of horses, there is an air of festivity abroad, for the show is a great place to meet old friends and make new ones.

Due to the difficulties of transportation, there were not as many foreign visitors this year, which was just as well for them, because like every place else today accommodations were as scarce as hen's teeth. Also, I fear visitors would have gone away with a very bad impression of the Irish seagull, who quite naturally also has a keen interest in horses. At dawn each day, these truculent birds invaded the streets around my hotel and for a couple of hours made sleep quite impossible. The zoo at feeding time would, by comparison, be a place of the utmost serenity. If the city were to declare open season on these belligerent creatures, I am sure everyone would be delighted to join in the hunt, and what a hunt, with guns blazing from every blind—I mean bedroom.

The R. D. S. grounds must be among the most attractive of any outdoor show, any place. Entering through the big main hall, the eye encounters a scene of bustling activity. Here is row after row of gaily painted booths, displaying every conceivable kind of merchandise, from washing machines to pink coats. Leaving the hall, you walk out to the judging rings, five or six of them. Islands of brilliant green turf, surrounded by white rail fences and partly shaded by elm trees whose dense foliage offers a good measure of protection against "the dew"—high fog, to Californians.

Each ring is a horse-hive of activity, with judging going on simultaneously in all of them. Heavy-weight hunters are in one ring; middleweight hunters in another; lightweight hunters in a third. There are classes for hunter geldings and for hunter mares, segregated as to ages and suitability for carrying certain weights; classes for Thoroughbred stallions, mares, yearling colts, yearling fillies, colt and filly foals, mares with foal at foot; still more classes for horses likely to make hunters, yearlings, 2, 3, and 4 year olds; mares, geldings, colts, and fillies. The older ones are ridden, the others shown in the hand.

There may be any number from 10 to 80 horses in each ring, walking, trotting, cantering, a veritable cyclone of horseflesh. Crowds mill around the rings and on the roadways around them, yet there is no confusion. The classes come and go, to be followed by others with clock like precision. It may be a little disconcerting, sometimes, if you happen to be standing on one of the roadways talking to a friend, because you suddenly find yourself cut off from the friend as about 16.3 of Irish hunter gently severs the connection; or standing in a group, you feel a slight push between the shoulders and turn around just in time to catch the eye of a good-looking filly—equine, of course.

I think this good humor and gentle disposition is an outstanding characteristic of the Irish hunter, but you really have to go to Dublin to realize how truly sociable they are. If you are one of these who credit horses with intelligence, then I think it is safe to say that the Irish hunter has his share of this

quality, but more important is his cleverness over the country. He has to be clever, as the Irish country is perhaps the most difficult in the world, presenting as it does such a tremendous variety and type of obstacle.

A little dizzy from darting from ring to ring and trying to anticipate the judges' decisions, you stroll on towards the jumping enclosure through rows of the finest stables imaginable. I have never seen such beautiful or such well kept stables, with long rows of standing stalls and boxes, knee deep in clean yellow straw. So attractive were they that by the end of the third day when I was nearly dead with the walking, the thought of taking a siesta there was a temptation hard to resist. I was stopped only by the thought that someone might put a halter on me and before I knew it I would find myself cantering around ring three.

The jumping enclosure is a vast place entirely surrounded by stands which I imagine accommodate about 20,000 or more people, every seat of which is taken by early afternoon. Looking down from the stands, the area, which is about the size of a polo field, is a most picturesque sight. It is rimmed by white railings, evergreen hedges, and flowering shrubs. All this makes a perfect setting for the maze of white rail jumps and the old historic permanent fences for which the Dublin show is celebrated: the hedge with ditch, the single bank, the wall (natural stone), which really comes down with a rattle when a horse gets in too close. Then there is the big double bank which is as high as a horse's head and wide enough to accommodate a good size truck. It looks big enough from the stands, but I remember a couple of occasions in the past when it suddenly seemed to change into a well developed young mountain. It looks a lot different from the back of a horse that is inclined to rush and change leads.

Then there is the water jump and the gate, which all in all makes a pretty formidable course. You can sit in the stands from about 2:00 until 6:30 every afternoon and see parades of the prize winners, harness classes, and military and civilian jumping competitions. In another area the Thoroughbred sales begin at 10:00 A. M. each day and continue until late afternoon. This is only the briefest description of what the visitor interested in horses sees or tries to see.

Of 950 entries this year the enormous figure of 505 were made hunters. Of course, some of them were nothing much to write home about, but they were the exceptions. I saw many magnificent looking horses, big and strong and full of quality, but what interested me more was that the general standard seemed exceptionally high, both from the standpoint of conformation and breeding.

Apart from the staggering entry of 138, the lightweight class for geldings 6-years-old and up was a truly remarkable collection of animals, well mannered and well turned out. The eventual winner was Pampas Grass, a beautifully turned bay horse looking and moving like a champion, but the dozen or so who finished below him were hardly less so. How the judges made up their minds about the placings, I don't know, I was just glad that I did not have to do it. Later on I thought this horse should have won the class for the champion hunter, but he was beaten by Landslide, the winner of the heavyweight class.

Landslide was a fine type of heavyweight, but to my mind altogether too big for anything except the most perfect of country, and he did not look like a horse who had the speed to stay with a fast pack. Unquestionably he was a good comfortable ride and he did seem to work well for the judges, better

than Pampas Grass who might not have been a horse everyone could ride.

Incidentally, the judges here do some preliminary weeding out; after this sifting process, each one has a good ride on the horses that are left. All the horses go to the veterinary paddock and are examined for soundness; it is a very thorough and painstaking job. Of course, everyone can't be satisfied, but I think the judges here manage to satisfy most of the people most of the time.

The hunters do not have to jump, the judging being on a basis of conformation, manners, and way of going. In the jumping competitions, conformation is not a factor. Personally, I rather like this idea because we have all seen oddly shaped ones that can get you over a country just as well as the blue-ribbon winners—sometimes better.

Perhaps the most colorful and dramatic class was the ladies' hunters, with over 60 entries. It attracted a tremendous crowd and really was worth going a long way to see. All the competitors wore hunting kit and rode side-saddle. I happen to be one of those misguided people who thinks that a woman looks her best on a side saddle, and these girls really did look well in their dark blue habits and silk hats. They were beautifully turned out, and they rode as well as they look-

ed. The horses were a fine looking lot, also superbly turned out and a credit to their riders, from every angle. The class finished the keenest type of competition, with the ribbon going to Mrs. Rohan's Nevada.

Here again I am glad I did not have to make the decision. Actual-

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Cranganour was a leading sire in Argentina and his son Tanner, a stakes winner in two seasons, achieved prominence in the stud as the sire of many stakes winners, including the crack race horse and leading sire Parlanchin.

\*Vejete was bred to seven mares last season—all seven are in foal.

### New Names — Top Names

*VEJETE, dk. b. h., 1905	Cranganour	Desmond	St. Simon
Tanner	Veneration II	L'Abbesse de Jouarre	Lavono
Tombole	Le Samaritain	Admiration	Le Sancy
	Caricia	Dau. of Rosierucian	Wagram
	Pellgroso	Bothwell	Caprichosa
Vetilla	Osteria	Galopin	Scotch Agnes
	Stiletto	Orvieto	Cheap Loaf
Creve Coeur	Huri	Beaudesert	Maud Victoria
		Gay Hermit	Bandana

Year	Age	Sts.	1st	2nd	3rd	Pesos
1937-38	2	4	3	1	0	19,600
1938-9	3	11	5	2	1	26,054
1939	4	5	1	0	3	12,150
		20	9	3	4	57,804

\*Vejete's "clasicos," or stakes, victories were in the Premios Santiago Luro, Luis Maria, Manuel F. Gneco, and General Alvear.

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## HEATHER BROOM Stakes Winning Son of The Porter From Famous Frizette Family

Heather Broom won the Blue Grass Stakes (defeating Third Degree, Hash, etc.), Saranac Handicap (at top weight), Equipse Handicap (by five lengths, 1 1/4 miles in 1:50), third in Kentucky Derby (to Johnstown and Challedon), Empire City, and Albany Handicaps.

At two he won several races in very fast time, including five furlongs in 1:00 2/5, 5 1/2 furlongs in 1:08.

### Old Names — Proved Names

HEATHER BROOM, ch. h., 1936	Sweep	Ben Brush	Bramble
The Porter	Pink Domino	Roseville	Domino
	St. Leonards	Belle Rose	*St. Blaise
Ballet Girl	*Cerito	Belladonna	Lowland Chief
	*Ogden	Merry Dance	Kilwarlin
Sir Martin	Lady Sterling	*Oriole	Hanover
Janet Blair	*Sweeper	*Aquila	Broomstick
*Frizeur	Frizette	*Ravello II	Hamburg
		*Ondulee	

Heather Broom is a son of the leading sire The Porter and is out of a granddaughter of the great producer of top-class stakes winners and leading sires, Frizette. His pedigree combines the highest-class names in the American Stud Book—Ben Brush, Domino, Sir Martin, Hanover, Frizette.

Heather Broom is the sire of the stakes winner Paper Mill (Newport Stakes and 3rd in Miles Standish Stakes), Heath Broom (equalled track record in first start, 4 1/2 furlongs in :54), Scotch Dot, Cadency, Heather Girl, Mr. Zip, Dark Heather, Senator C., Lady Leaopa, Copper Boy.

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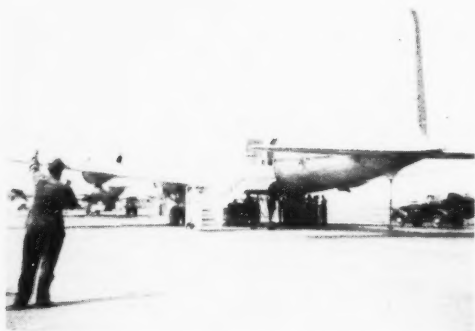






# From U. S. To Dublin By Air

(Photos courtesy David D. Odell)



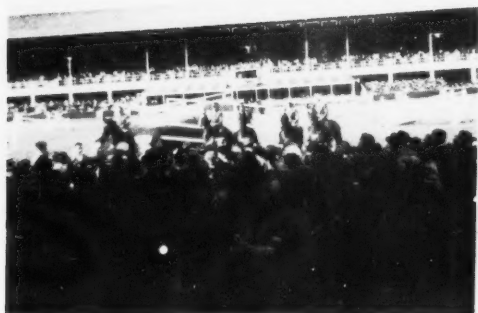
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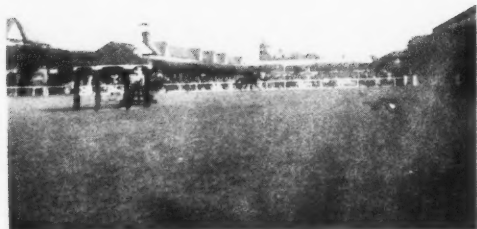
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# N.S.H.A. Summary Of 1946 Season Of 'Chasing

**Mrs. Weir Leading Owner;  
James Ryan, Trainer;  
John Magee, Rider**

In the first full year of racing since the close of the war, steeplechasing came well back on the road toward its pre-war status. Particularly was this noted in the successful and popular return to Saratoga, with the old course opening its doors for the first time in four years and the sport through the field taking on its traditional importance at that meeting. The four major Maryland tracks were again operating on their own courses, with Timonium once more offering 'chase events. But, from the long range viewpoint, the most important development of the year was the strong revival of Hunt Racing. There were still some meetings missing and some of those held were on a curtailed basis, but a long step back was taken when fourteen meetings were held in comparison with three during 1945.

Purse distribution reached an all time high with the figure of more than \$850,000 in purses and stakes won at the race tracks and amateur meetings. The comparative figures give a graphic illustration of the comeback. In 1946, for instance, there were 244 races run as against 138 in 1945. The past season saw 258 owners racing 426 horses compared with 1945's 125 owners and 211 horses. The mere recital of figures, however, does not tell the complete story. More important was the return of many to racing who mean so much to it; the owners, spectators, riders, officials and trainers. They added substance and enthusiasm to the sport which ended the season on a high note with excellent prospects for the coming season.

Hunt Racing's return rose to its crest in mid-October. No small part of the reason for amateur racing's comeback was the financial assistance given by the United Hunts Racing Association. During the year approximately \$32,000 was contributed to eleven of the fourteen meetings, and these funds were used for purses, and in some cases, for rebuilding courses that had been idle during the war.

Mrs. Esther duPont Weir now leads the list of winning owners. During the year she raced a well balanced stable at the major tracks as well as at the hunt meetings, from stakes winners to "claimers", running up the rather remarkable total of 24 races and \$98,065 won.

Always difficult to select the jumper of the year, 1946 posed rather a problem. Kent Miller's Elkridge, winner of the Grand National, is the choice of many. Yet Mrs. Weir's Burma Road, carrying high weights, swept all before him in the spring, not meeting Elkridge until Fall when each beat the other once. Toward the latter part of the season a younger horse loomed up to challenge these two, Kent Mill-

er's War Battle. This five-year-old son of the great Battleship was a galloping winner of the Temple Gwathmey, running the three miles in 5:42 2-5 to break the unofficial time over the present Belmont course. Several weeks later he came back to Pimlico to win the Manly Steeplechase smashing the old track record by more than four seconds. The year had a very sad touch when Rouge Dragon had to be destroyed early in October, and the Sport lost a vivid figure. Not in recent years has any steeplechase horse gained the interest from the average race goer that this gallant performer of M. A. Cushman and William G. Jones earned for himself. In his six years of racing through the field, usually at top weight, he proved for all time his ability to match in heart and stamina the best of them all.

James E. Ryan and Jack Magee proved an unbeatable combination, respectively leading trainer and leading rider. While it has not been unusual for James E. Ryan to head the list of trainers his successes in 1946 were outstanding, both in number of races and money won. What Ryan contributed in knowledge, skill and careful preparation, was complemented by Magee's ability as a rider, in his judgment of pace, his faculty to get the most out of a horse, and his uncanny skill in taking the shortest way around.

Perhaps one of the most interesting and unusual performances of the year was that of the twelve-year-old gelding Winton who swept the three timber classics of Maryland's cross country racing. Owned and ridden by Stuart S. Janney, Jr., Winton won the Maryland Hunt Cup by twelve lengths over a big field. The remarkable thing about this is that Winton also won these three timber races when they were last run in 1942 and is now undefeated in eight starts.

The year's activities ended on another highly encouraging note when about 200 hunt and steeplechase figures from all over the country came together at a luncheon in New York to discuss ways and means to continue the improvement of the sport. It was a remarkable demonstration of active interest and the committee named to function under the chairmanship of Richard K. Mellon is possessed of real backing in its efforts to accelerate the comeback of the Sport through the field and to guide that progress intelligently.

Total amount of money distributed for Steeplechasing at the major and half mile tracks.

	1946	1945
Belmont	\$232,795	\$128,790
Aqueduct	160,180 (1)	37,955
Pimlico	114,770 (2)	131,775
Saratoga	89,585	80,890
Delaware	77,450	42,900
Laurel	33,650 (2)	39,735
United Hunts	52,450 (3)	30,265
Bel Air	8,600	5,000
Timonium	4,000	—
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$793,480</b>	<b>\$497,310</b>

Total amount of money distributed for Steeplechasing and Flat Racing at the Hunt Meetings.

Rolling Rock	\$15,840	—
Middleburg	8,600	—
Montpelier	7,645	\$3,425
Rose Tree	7,350	3,175
Radnor	4,360	—
Monmouth	3,730	—
Whitemarsh	3,525	—
Camden	2,650	—
Nashville	2,010	—
New Jersey Hunt Cup	1,560	—
Warrenton	1,275	—
My Lady's Manor (plate)	—	—
Grand National (plate)	—	—

Maryland Hunt Cup (plate)	—	—
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$50,545</b>	<b>\$6,600</b>
<b>Total Money Distributed</b>	<b>\$852,025</b>	<b>\$6,600</b>
(1) Steeplechasing not held during Summer Meeting	—	—
(2) Combined meetings of four major tracks in Maryland	—	—
(3) Does not include flat races run under Jockey Club rules (1946, \$49,860; 1945, \$45,000)	—	—

10 LEADING MONEY WINNING STABLES		
	No. of races won	Amt.
Weir, Mrs. E. duPont	24	\$98,065
Miller, Kent	8	82,925
Clark, Mrs. F. Ambrose	11	56,525
Sharp, Bayard	8	36,680
Brookmeade Stable	6	36,050
Cushman, M. A.	5	34,840
McKinney, Rigan	8	30,690
Adams, Mrs. C. E.	5	30,375
Rokey Stables	7	22,805
Bieber, I.	7	21,645

10 LEADING MONEY WINNING HORSES		
		(\$2,000 or more)
Burma Road	—	\$42,225
War Battle	—	41,600
Elkridge	—	35,675
Rouge Dragon	—	34,840
Lieut. Well	—	33,660
Refugio	—	26,220
Navigate	—	18,605
Blinder	—	13,930
Little Sammie	—	13,865
Chesapeake	—	13,110

10 LEADING TRAINERS (money won)	
Ryan, James E.	\$121,565

Miller, Kent	82,925
Byers, J. Dallett	50,675
Jones, William G.	47,115
Bosley, Jr., John	46,535
McKinney, Rigan	46,225
Passmore, William	45,955
Skinner, John T.	45,340
White, Arthur	40,455
Adams, Mrs. C. E.	39,305

10 LEADING TRAINERS (races won)		
Ryan, James E.	33	
Skinner, John T.	14	
Bosley, Jr., John	13	
McKinney, Rigan	12	
Bostwick, G. H.	11	
Woolfe, Raymond G.	10	
Adams, Mrs. C. E.	9	
Passmore, William	9	
Bellhouse, Francis T.	8	
Byers, J. Dallett	8	

10 LEADING RIDERS (races won)			
	Jumps	Flat	Total
Magee, John	28	4	32
Adams, Frank D.	28	—	28
Field, Thomas E.	15	1	16
Russell, Edward A.	12	1	13
Jennings, Edward	9	1	10
Fife, Merlin	8	—	8
Marzani, Daniel E.	8	—	8
Peoples, Jr., Charles	8	—	8
Davis, Mr. J. V. H.	5	2	7
Harris, Harry E.	4	3	7

LEADING JUMPERS (races won)	
Blinder	5
Lieut. Well	5
Little Sammie	5
Rouge Dragon	5

## CHRONICLE QUIZ

1. How much ground from take off to landing does a horse usually cover in a timber race?



2. Does a horse photograph better with the light coming from the front or from the rear?
3. Into what three parts is a horse's hoof divided?
4. In a hunting country where the going is deep should a hunter have long or short pasterns?
5. What is a roarer?
6. In what century were packs of hounds first established for the purpose of hunting foxes only?

Answers on Page 19

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## Miss Woolwine Is Honor Guest Of Tennessee Horsemen

By Margaret L. Warden

Leading horsemen, turf officials, and writers from Kentucky and Illinois were among the 150 at the dinner in Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 24, given by The Thoroughbred Club of Tennessee in honor of their state's leading breeder of 1946, Miss Mildred Woolwine.

The place was the main dining room of the Andrew Jackson Hotel. On the wall behind the speakers' table were large photographs of the four Woolwine yearlings which brought \$100,000 at the Lexington, Ky. auctions last season. In the center of the room was a small sales ring complete with auctioneer's stand where George Swinebroad completed the evening's entertainment with some uproarious selling.

Testimonials to the honoree were spoken by Hon. Jim McCord, Governor of Tennessee, and by Del Holeman, representing the Thoroughbred Club. (The Governor expressed the pride of the state in a woman who had brought it to such eminence in Thoroughbreddom, while Mr. Holeman's picturesque language described how Miss Woolwine was proving that one could eat cake and have it too. "She bought about \$100,000 worth of horses, has sold \$100,000 worth, and will probably sell that much again this year," he commented.)

Of course, there was a scroll and trophy presented the honoree by The Thoroughbred Club of Tennessee and gracefully accepted by the only Tennessee breeder who has ever been so publicly honored.

Jack W. Denis, the Club's president, was master of ceremonies and plotter of the entertainment which closed the affair in a riot of fun.

Visiting notables included Wathen Knebelkamp, president of the Kentucky Thoroughbred Breeders' Assn., the eminent veterinarian, Dr. Charles Hagyard, Thomas Carr Platt and A. B. Hancock, Jr., leading breeders, John Clark of the Clarke Horse Agency, Neville Dunn and J. A. Estes, respective editors of The Thoroughbred Record and The Blood Horse, and Charles Hatton, leading writer for the Daily Racing Form, etc.

Interesting guests were Maj. Gen. P. C. Tsui, Maj. Gen. S. S. Young,

## Thoroughbreds

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ing such as those of Bruce Lowe, Friedrich Becker and other writers to be bracketed with them. His modesty, as compared with the obtrusive self-sufficiency and gospeling attitude of such authors, is refreshing and bespeaks, as does his whole attitude toward the matter in hand, a sincerity and a desire to deal impartially with his subject for which he is to be thanked.

If you are interested in the Thoroughbred in any other way than the cashing of tickets at graded windows, this book is one that you cannot intelligently do without.

## Infantry School Hunt

Continued from Page Three

Maj. C. R. Bess, J. L. R. Eagles, G. K. Smith, Capt. Walter Teague, M. E. Bullock, Charles A. Burgess, Jr., Thomas P. Mulvey, Lieut. Thomas L. Owen, Thomas Kerr, J. S. Hill, Robert Case, William F. Ashly, and Lt. William Cound.

and Lt. Col. P. S. Chang, Chinese army officers inspecting our horses and breeding methods.

Mrs. Hatton was quoted as saying that the Tennesseans appeared to be entering the Thoroughbred picture very solidly.

Miss Woolwine, incidentally, started breeding Thoroughbreds about 6 years ago at her White Oaks Farm between Nashville and Franklin. She has 8 mares and is part owner of the untried sire, Boy Knight (\*Sir Gallahad III—Heloise).

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## Two Centuries Of Foxhunting By A. Henry Higginson

A M. F. H. Delves Back To Days Afield With Fairfax; Hunting Personalities

by A. Mackay-Smith

A. Henry Higginson, whose contributions to *The Chronicle* have long been one of its most valued features, has just published another book entitled "Two Centuries of Foxhunting." This is not Mr. Higginson's first venture into the history of the sport. As far back as 1908 he and Julian Chamberlain published their "The Hunts of the United States and Canada", which they brought up to date twenty years later under the title "Hunting in the United States and Canada".

In 1936 he published "The Meynell of the West", a biography of Squire Farquharson, and the following year "Peter Beckford Esq.", the first full-length biography of the author of "Thoughts on Hunting" which after more than one hundred and fifty years is still the standard work on the subject.

Mr. Higginson's latest book does not purport to be an exhaustive history of foxhunting, but is rather a collection of accounts of the men who, on both sides of the Atlantic, have had the most enduring influence on the development of the sport. It is written with all the fluidity and charm which is so characteristic of the author and will delight the sportsmen who are seeking an introduction to the subject as well as students who are already familiar with it.

As far as the American portion of the book is concerned Mr. Higginson starts with Lord Fairfax who came to reside permanently in Virginia in 1748; with George Washington and his pack at Mt. Vernon; with the Gloucester Foxhunting Club, organized by a group of Philadelphians in 1766; with John Stuart Skinner's accounts of hunting near Baltimore and Washington in the first decades of the 19th century; with his son, Col. Fred Skinner's efforts to organize foxhunting in the north after the Civil War through the columns of *Turf, Field and Farm*; and with the packs of modern times, particularly those made up of English hounds (for Mr. Higginson is quite frankly a protagonist of the English hound)—the Meadowbrook, Brandywine, Genesee Valley and Middlesex before World War I, and the Middlesex and Mr. Stewart's Cheshire after it. He also pays well deserved tribute to the influence of J. B. Thomas on the modern American hound.

The illustrations are particularly well chosen, the portrait of Lord Fairfax being here reproduced for the first time in a book on sport. The account of the hunting activities of the latter is more complete than has yet appeared in print, although it contains some annoying errors as far as dates are concern-

ed. There might also have been included the passages from Washington's diaries which mention hunting with Lord Fairfax, then visiting his cousin Col. George William Fairfax at Belvoir near Mt. Vernon, on September 13, November 25, and December 3, 5 and 8, 1768. Earlier in the year (March 19) and the following year (September 28) Washington bred his bitch Chaunter to Lord Fairfax's stallion hound Rockwood.

Concerning the much-discussed "Mountain" and "Muse", imported from Ireland about 1814 by Bolton Jackson and hunted successively by Colonel Charles Sterrett Ridgely of "Oakland Manor", Benjamin Ogle, Jr. of "Belair" (not Gen. Samuel Ogle) and Charles Carroll, Jr. of "Homewood", Mr. Higginson follows the assumption, first advanced, I believe, by J. B. Thomas in his "Hounds and Hunting Through the Ages", that these hounds were Kerry beagles. Except for the fact that they came from Ireland there seems to be no evidence to support this conclusion. The article in the *Turf Register* for February 1832, from which Mr. Higginson quotes in part, goes on to say that "He (Mountain) was a very compact dog, of middling size, and what in cattle, in England, is called flecked, not spotted, with large dull blue greyish splotches". The same article mentions their "shrill chopping unmusical notes". Now Kerry beagles, which have been bred since the seventeenth century by the Ryan family of Scarteen, have always been black and tan—or at least so Mr. J. R. Ryan told me, who was Master when I last hunted with them. Moreover they have the deepest and most bell-like voices I have ever heard, quite different from the "shrill chopping unmusical notes" mentioned above. Until some more conclusive evidence turns up, the assumption that "Mountain" and "Muse" were Kerry beagles seems hardly justified.

The blood of these hounds was carried on not only in the packs of George Birdsong of Georgia and Haiden Trigg of Kentucky, but also by packs in Richmond, Essex and Fairfax counties in Virginia—(see *Turf Register* Vol. III, pp. 350, 401, 470, Vol. IV, p. 234; *Turf, Field and Farm*, Dec. 18, 1868, p. 810, May 2, 1873, p. 281.) The latter journal says: "Of all the importations made by Sterris (i.e. Sterrett) Ridgely, the Ogles, the Corbins, the Tayloes, and after by the late John S. Skinner, these Irish dogs proved the best for our country."

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## Harness Racing Has Colorful History

Unusual Happenings In The Trotting World Highlighted By Sleepy Tom's Record Win As A Blind Pacer; Empire's Trotting Era

By "Sulky"

Facts and figures little known about harness racing:

That the 2 oldest marks in the record book are those of the brown mare, Ariel, which trotted 50 miles in 3 hours, 55 minutes, 40 1-2 seconds in 1846 and the brown gelding, Bowery Boy, who paced 2 miles under saddle in 1839 in 5 minutes, 4 1-2 seconds.

That the Empire City (N. Y.) track was first opened in 1899 as a trotting track and one of the first winners over the speedway was Cresceus, later to become world's trotting champion. He won first money in a \$5000 free-for-all stake. That the month of September held a special significance in the life of Goldsmith Maid the famous trotting mare. She trotted her first winning race in September 1865; her fastest mile in September 1874 (2:14); and she died in September 1885 at Trenton, N. J.

That Sleepy Tom, the blind pacer which set the world's record for pacers in 1879 was bought for a colt, \$7.50 in cash, an old watch and a quart of whiskey.

That Lady Suffolk, the first trotter to go a mile in 2:30 was sold as a 2-year-old for \$32.50.

That sulkeys were first used before the Revolution when they supplied the means of transportation (with horse) for doctors and those who did not care to ride.

That Dean Hanover 3, 1:58 1-2, now at stud at Hanover Shoe Farms, Hanover, Pa., and former world's champion 3-year-old and 4-year-old trotter, was driven to these championship records on September 24 of successive years (1937 and 1938) by daughter and father, respectively. (Miss Alma Sheppard and Lawrence B. Sheppard) over the same track, Lexington, Ky.

That only one trotter, Rosalind 1:56 3-4, the world's fastest trotting mare, has won the 4 major events of the trotting turf, the Kentucky Futurity for 2-year-olds, the Kentucky Futurity for 3-year-olds, the

Hambletonian Stake, and the Transylvania for free-for-all trotters.

That Goldsmith Maid once raced against a Thoroughbred, Golden Gate, which attempted to run 1 3-16 miles while the Maid trotted a mile; Goldsmith Maid won in 2 minutes, 19 3-4 seconds.

That Lee Axworthy's skeleton in the Museum of Natural History in New York City is the only one of a trotting horse in a museum. His body was presented to the Museum after his death by his owners, the Pastime Stable. Lee Axworthy formerly held the world's record for trotting stallions, a mile in 1:58 1-4.

That only one country besides the U. S. A. can claim a native breed of fast trotting horses, Russia's Orloff trotters are the only equivalent.

That the first public trotting was done by Boston Blue, a grey gelding, which in 1818 was matched to trot a mile in 3 minutes and successfully accomplished the feat.

That the last 3 trotting champions, Uhlan 1:58, Peter Manning, 1:56 3-4 and Greyhound 1:55 1-4 were all geldings while the last 3 pacing champions, Star Pointer, 1:59 3-4, Dan Patch, 1:55 1-4 and Billy Direct 1:55 were stallions.

That Thoroughbred trainers often get a shock when they see how a trotter is conditioned for a race. The 6 or 8 miles of "warming up" is merely a prelude to racing 2 or 3-mile heats in the race.

That in 1823 the Union Course on Long Island was the scene of the first trotting race. As a preliminary to the great match race between the Thoroughbreds Eclipse and Henry, a race under saddle between trotters was held. Topgallant, a son of Hambletonian 10, won the trotting race.

That Nancy Harks, 2:04, the first trotter to beat 2:05 and the namesake of Abraham Lincoln's mother, lost the first heat in which she started but never lost another, winning 45 straight heats thereafter.

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## Notes From Great Britain

### Doomed Horse Proves Excellent Mount; Parsons Seldom Afield

By J. Fairfax-Blakeborough

Here is rather a delightful hunter and hunting story told me by the M. F. H. himself. During the war many people felt it their duty (or were compelled owing to lack of fodder), to send favourite horses to the local hunt kennels to be destroyed. One of these, a grey mare, was sent to a northern hunt kennel, but was so sound and so good on her legs, she was kept to exercise hounds on. Then a hunting farmer asked to be allowed to have the loan of her, and with her she won several gymkhana competitions. At the end of the war she was fresher than ever, and has carried the first-whipper-in well this season. The other day, at a check, during a long hunt, the Master's eyes were fixed on hounds, fearing they would get on the line of a fresh fox he had just seen get up. He was conscious that the grey mare had come up alongside him, and made one or two remarks over his shoulder to his whipper-in. Receiving no reply, he turned his head, and found the mare standing close to him riderless. The hunt servant was then seen on foot some distance away, having come to grief in a bog. The Master cantered to him, leading the mare, and as soon as the whipper-in had mounted, hounds hit off the line of the hunted fox, and the run continued.

#### Hunting Parsons Scarce

Time was when every hunt had its chaplain—some two or three. Many of us can recall "gentlemen in black", who went very well to hounds, and who were all the better parsons for having an occasional day's hunting. Some of these clerics were not content with one day a week, for there is a toast in an old Bedale Hunt song, which runs: "Here's a health to the parson despatching control,

Who to better his parish, his health, or his soul  
(On my honour I think he does each!)

Five days in the week rides well up to hounds,

On the sixth duly goes his parochial rounds,

And on Sunday devoutly can preach."

In these days one could almost count on the fingers of one hand the parsons who ride to hounds. Indeed, even in wide-flung parishes, in which a horse was essential to the parson, few of those of today ride at all. In the times when one of the squire's sons took the family living as a matter of course, and, equally as a matter of course, continued the sporting tradition of the

family, hunting clerics were numerous.

Today we have a new type of parson, and even where there are men of birth and with inherent love of sports of the field, they have not the money to keep horses and men to look after them. One of the few hunting parsons in the north told me the other day that he was experiencing the same forage difficulties as most of us. He had, however, managed to get some corn into his horse to put a bit of heart into it for the commencement of the hunting season. When preaching at harvest festival services in adjoining parishes, he had not only asked for the oat-sheaves used for decorations, but had told the farmers in his congregation of the difficulty he had in getting any corn for his hunter. This resulted in more sheaves finding their way to the rectory stable. The new oats don't seem to have had any but a beneficial effect! A friend of mine, who was in a low way financially, used to say, "It's not the workhouse that's bothering me so much as the intermediate period". Those of us who have hay, and some other fodder, to last us through January, are more anxious about the future than the present.

Lord Roseberry the other day said quite definitely that the allowance of corn for broodmares was not sufficient to enable them to produce the stock they otherwise would. He was emphatic that the cut in blood-stock rations during the war was partly responsible for our defeats this season by French-bred race-horses.

#### About Steeplechasers

At a jumping meeting held in atrocious weather conditions and with the going equally bad, I heard two arresting remarks. One was from one of the few really heavy wagers left to us today. Asked what he had backed he replied, "Nothing! I don't like to see my money either up in the air or laid prostrate on the ground". Then someone remarked to a prominent owner of 'chasers, "You were lucky to win that last race. If the favourite or 2nd favourite had stood up yours would have been nowhere!" "Maybe!" retorted the owner, "But you see the others fell and mine didn't, therefore I am entitled to say that mine is either a better jumper, or is better trained". This is an aspect of steeplechasing which one rarely hears logically argued out. If the more fancied horses in

a race fall, are we justified in saying the winner was "lucky", or that he won because he is a better jumper and did not fall? After all the acid test is jumping as well as staying power and speed with which to finish. Of course there are many races in which good jumpers are brought down, interfered with by loose horses, and so on. The winners of such races undoubtedly are "lucky".

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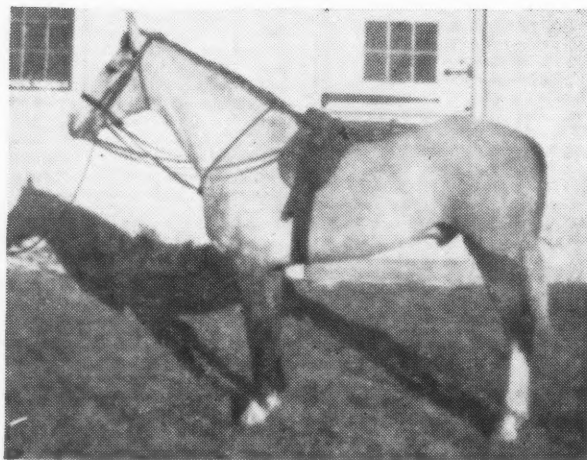
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## Maryland Stockmen

In one way it was a good thing that a minimum of Thoroughbred breeders attended the Maryland Stockmen's Assn. session on January 8 in Baltimore, Md., or the controversy would be still going strong, but every horseman would have enjoyed the treatise of Dr. V. A. Rice, of Massachusetts State College on the subject of "Cross-Breeding vs Line-Breeding in Livestock Improvement". Enough draft horse men were there however to form an organization and elect Dan Wight, president, Joseph Shirley, vice-pres. and Humphrey Finney, secy-treas. of the Maryland Draft Horse Assn. —The U. S. D. A. Research Center, Beltsville, Md., and the Agricultural Dept. of the University of Md. had the farmers hanging on the edge of their seats hearing about handling and curing hay and silage with cheaper and easier methods.—E. R.

## Camden Activities

In addition to the terrific activity in winter training of Thoroughbred racing stock in Camden, S. C. this season, there is considerable interest among the younger group in Saturday morning rides arranged by Commander Shannon Heath and a drag-hunt is held every Wednesday afternoon for children as well. A Junior Horse Show is scheduled for Washington's Birthday and the 34th Camden Horse Show is slated for March 22. Polo has had a real revival, under the direction of the 7-goal-player Cyril Harrison, who also has a sales stable of hunters in Camden. Aldeen Hall is running The Bramlett stable and has some very useful children's horses and hacks. The Carolina Cup is scheduled for Saturday, March 29. The famed Springdale Course, setting for the Carolina Cup, is a beehive of activity in the mornings with flat, brush and timber horses being headed for Harry D. Kirkover's renowned hunt meeting.

## Redland And Potomac

The Maryland hunts, Redland and Potomac are both planning point-to-point meetings for March of this year. Thomas T. Mott, M. F. H. of Redland Hunt, has already definitely announced that Redland's Point-to-Point races will be held on Saturday, March 1. Thus Redland will inaugurate the season. Potomac Hunt is tentatively considering the date of March 8. George Toomey's farm near Rockville, Md. may well be the setting for the Potomac Hunt Point-to-Point races. It is under-

stood that conditions of both Redland and Potomac point-to-points will very closely resemble those in current force for Piedmont Hunt Point-to-Point Races annually held on Paul Mellon's Rokeby Farm. Leaders of point-to-point race committees have expressed the need for similarity of conditions and, of course, courses as well. An announcement will be made shortly on the intentions of Redland and Potomac Hunts' point-to-point races.

## Chairman Stokes

Alex Stokes has been appointed chairman of the Radnor Hunt Point-to-Point, which races will take place on Saturday, April 12 at the Radnor Hunt Club, White Horse, Pa. The Radnor Point-to-Point, a pair race and a heavyweight race (200 lbs.) make up the card. Mr. Stokes is the well known gentleman rider, (rode Peterski to win the Radnor and Rose Tree Hunt Cups last season) and maintains a public training stable. He recently completed negotiations with Emmett Roberts in buying Vaden King (by \*Brown King—Mollie V., by Haste) for Owner Samuel Fry. Mr. Fry intends to have Vaden King, winner of 2 races of over a mile in his 3-year-old year, prepared for hunt meeting brush races this season. Mr. Roberts had purchased Vaden King in December from J. Mauro.

## Virginia Gold Cup

Members of the race committee, Amory S. Carhart, M. F. H., George W. Cutting, Martin Vogel, Jr. and Arnold Scruton recently met in Warrenton, Va. to consider the 23rd renewal of The Virginia Gold Cup, feature timber race of the Virginia spring season. It was decided to card supporting races, including the Landowners' Race, of 1 mi. on the flat and a Foxhunters' Steeplechase, over timber with conditions similar to ones currently being promoted by the Hunt Race Meeting Assn. The Gold Cup Committee went on record as endorsing the Hunt Race Meeting Assn.'s effort to aid the hunt meetings through the establishment of a series of high weight races for amateur riders. The Gold Cup course is over the well known "Broadview Farm" acres owned by Martin Vogel, Jr.

## Level Best's Colt

Crispin Oglebay is very proud of his great Level Best's colt. By \*Blenheim II, he is bred for fame.

## Chronicle Quiz Answers

1. Anywhere from 25 feet up. Billy Barton was measured at 35 feet.
2. From the rear.
3. Wall, sole and frog.
4. Short pasterns. The legs of a short pasterned horse are less subject to strain in deep going.
5. A horse with bad wind.
6. The 17th. The Duke of Buckingham's pack at Helmsley in Yorkshire and the Charlton Hunt in Sussex are generally given credit for being the first packs to hunt foxes only. Previous packs had hunted deer, foxes, hare and otter

## Voss Captures Exact Likeness Of Maryland's Leading Cup Winners

Frank Voss, foremost modern sporting painter in America, has captured an exact likeness of perhaps the greatest Maryland Hunt Cup winning combination in the half-century history of the race. Mr. Voss' horse paintings are known wherever sporting men gather. The list of outstanding horses and leading horsemen and sportsmen he has done credit to in oils is a long one.

The cover page reproduction of Mr. Voss' painting of Stuart S. Janney, Jr. on his Winton, 2-time winner of The Maryland Hunt Cup, is a timely one in view of preparation of timber horses for this year's renewal. The reproduction does not do justice to Winton's gleaming mahogany color coat or to the well known cherry and white colors of Mr. Janney, Jr. The feeling of The Maryland ("The Hunt Cup" to Marylanders,) is definitely portrayed, with the J. W. Y. Martin's "Snow Hill Farm" in the background.

Winton is wearing the No. 4 number cloth which he carried to win the 1946 running of The Maryland. In 1942 the son of Belli Casus, a Remount sire, which stood for a number of years near Chestertown, Md., out of Rosequartz, by Trap Rock, won My Lady's Manor Point-to-Point. The "Little" Grand National Point-to-Point and The Maryland Hunt Cup with his owner-rider up, just as he did in 1946. This was an unprecedented record, with 4 years of wartime retirement intervening.

Mr. Janney, Jr.'s uncle, the late Jervis Spencer, Jr., who had himself won 5 Maryland Hunt Cups, originally selected Winton as a choice

for a timber prospect. Mr. Spencer, Jr. bought Winton from Louis Campbell, who had purchased the horse to run on the flat, but had obtained him too late in his 2-year-old form to get him to the races. Winton's education as a hunter and timber horse had scarcely begun before Mr. Spencer, Jr. passed on and bequeathed Winton to his nephew, Mr. Janney, Jr., whom he had also properly endowed with confidential wisdom of year's of experience in cross-country riding.

Winton is currently carrying his owner with Green Spring Valley Hounds, going regularly. For all his years of hunting and racing over timber fences the 13-year-old has not the slightest blemish to show for his arduous career. The Janneys have had some anxiety at times with Winton, especially about a periodic cough and a catarrhal condition. Still, as many hunting men have been known to say: "I'll take one with that condition and pay for it if he can run and jump like Winton".

One of the most recent portraits completed by Mr. Voss is that of Mrs. George A. Garrett of Washington, D. C. and Orange County Hunt country, on her favorite and well known hunter "Jack". This good one, a Thoroughbred son of Dunlin, may grace The Chronicle pages someday if a photograph of his recent portrait is obtainable.

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**Dublin Show**

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ly, ladies did the judging, which, all things considered, was a smart move on the part of the show officials.

The several classes for children attracted a lot of attention and comment. On the whole, they showed great promise for the future, both boys and girls, doing some pretty expert work on their mounts.

The entries in the jumping competition were enormous, but I did not think that the performances of the horses or riders were up to the standard of past shows. One reason may have been the slippery nature of the going. Frequent showers made the banks tricky, and slick take-offs contributed to many errors.

There were some brilliant exceptions by horses and riders, mainly on the part of the military teams and two very accomplished girl riders, Miss Kellet and Miss Hume Dudgeon. Both girls can more than hold their own against members of their own sex or the opposite.

There was a good deal of talk about the excellence of civilian riders, but with this I was unable to agree. It seemed to me that except for the two girls and possibly one or two men the riding left something to be desired, and was not in the same class or even near that of the military riders.

Some of the faults noticed include: poor balance, stirrups too long or too short, leaning back, getting "left behind", and bad judgment of pace, not to mention a general tendency toward leg and arm flapping. One of the contestants did things with his arms, legs, and body, the like of which I have never seen outside a circus—a sort of rotary pushing movement.

Curiously enough, this odd motion got the rider and his mount a ribbon or two, so perhaps I had better shut up, but it certainly was unorthodox.

In the past, the Inter-hunt and military competition used to provide

much of the glamour. I have seen as many as 15 or 20 beautifully mounted and well turned out hunt teams taking part. What a picture it was to see those pink-coated figures taking the big banks in a setting so close to the real thing. It was a heart warming sight, and always made the blood move a little faster. This event was not held this year, but perhaps it will be revived when conditions are more normal.

The military jumping is always one of the high spots. The officers representing the various countries make a snappy appearance in their distinctive uniforms, and the different styles of riding are of great interest to the public. There were only three teams present, Sweden, France, and the home team, but they made a brave show and put on the keenest of competitions, with the Irish horses having a little the best of things. Mainly, perhaps, because they negotiated the banks better. This is only natural since 98 per cent of the fences in Ireland are banks.

Both the foreign teams drew rounds of applause for the courageous manner in which they rode at the banks, and well deserved it was, for they drove at them in the best tradition of the old saying, "Hell bent for election."

The Aga Kahn Cup, which was the big military event, was won by Ireland. Comdt. D. J. Corry, Comdt. J. Stack, and Major Lewis all of whom have performed at Madison Square Garden, acquitted themselves nobly on a team of promising young horses. In the past, American teams have been most popular in Dublin, and everyone hopes that the U. S. will send a team next year, mounted of course, not on jeeps, but on some of its good Fort Riley trained horses. As one who had some experience with jeeps, I can testify to their excellence, but they just can't hop on and off an Irish bank.

I don't belong to the Dublin Chamber of Commerce, but for everyone who likes a good horse-show and great hospitality, make a note of this date—the R. D. S. Horse Show, Dublin, August 1947.

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